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TO THE HONOURABLE GERARD J. AMERONGEN,
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

SIR:

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for the year ended March 31, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,
D.J. RUSSELL
Minister of Hospitals
and Medical Care

April, 1985

TO THE HONOURABLE D.J. RUSSELL,
Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care,
Legislative Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

SIR:

I am pleased to present this 15th annual report which provides details of Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan activities and Health Care Insurance Fund operations for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1983 and ending March 31, 1984.

Respectfully submitted,
LLOYD C. GRISDALE, M.D.
Deputy Minister of
Hospitals and Medical Care

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1. HIGHLIGHTS

For the 12 month period -- April 1, 1983 to March 31, 1984

REGISTRATION

During the year, the number of persons covered decreased 0.82% to 2,443,943 and the number of registrations decreased 1.72% to 1,107,144.

The number of registrants receiving coverage at reduced premium rates increased.

	Registrations March 31, 1984	Registrations March 31, 1983
Complete Subsidy — (based on taxable income)	79,647	40,689
Partial Subsidy — (based on taxable income)	7,970	3,783
Total Subsidized Registrants	87,617	44,472

The number of registrants in the 65 years of age and older group, who were exempted from premium payment, increased 3.04% to 146,475 and the number of persons covered increased 2.99% to 215,906.

The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, the Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership. There were 2,649 registrants with Widows' Pension coverage as at March 31, 1984, involving 3,075 persons.

The number of registrants in the social allowance recipient group, who received premium-free coverage, decreased 10.73% to 51,815, and the number of persons covered decreased 13.26% to 115,464 (these figures also included inmates of Provincial Correctional Centres, and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services).

The number of registrants who did not qualify for the 100% subsidy or social allowance. yet were granted waiver of premium due to current financial difficulties, increased 822.52% to 1,393.

The number of groups decreased 2.48% to 13,167 and the number of persons under group coverage decreased 1.33% to 1,591,717. These figures included registrants 65 years of age and older and their spouses and dependants, widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants, and registrants in receipt of an allowance under The Social Development Act.

Registrants who chose to opt out of the Plan for the year ended March 31, 1984 decreased 4.92% to 116 from 122. This involved 327 persons who were responsible for paying for their own health services.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

The number of registrations under Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage increased 0.64% to 234,853 and the number of persons covered decreased 0.43% to 435,815.

FEDERAL COST-SHARING

Under the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977, federal contributions to the provinces consist of tax-point transfer and direct cash contributions. Only the Medicare portion of the cash contributions is paid directly to the Plan. In 1983-84, this amounted to $87,701,000.

PAYMENTS OF BENEFITS

Total payments for Basic Health Services increased 12.54% to $533,791,923 from $474,296,006.

The Workers' Compensation Amendment Act, 1981 and its consequential amendment to the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act effective January 1, 1982, transferred from the Workers' Compensation Board to the Health Care Insurance Fund the responsibility for paying benefits for Basic Health Services provided to injured workers coming under the Workers' Compensation Act. Subsequently, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act and the Workers' Compensation Act were amended by the Health Care Statutes Amendment Act, 1983, assented to June 6, 1983, retroactive to January 1, 1982, to authorize the use of the Health Care Insurance Fund for the payments made on behalf of and recoverable from the Workers' Compensation Board. Payments for Workers' Compensation Board services have been excluded from the statistical data relating to payments for Basic Health Services.

Fee-for-service payments for Basic Health Services and their changes over the previous year were:

Medical	$482,581,482	a 11.97% increase of	$51,592,028
Oral Surgery	$ 8,772,719	a 36.55% increase of	$ 2,348,075
Chiropractic	$ 20,083,336	a 6.56% increase of	$ 1,237,095
Optometry	$ 8,121,928	a 7.48% increase of	$ 565,123
Podiatry	$ 2,674,850	a 15.48% increase of	$ 358,494
Physiotherapy	$ 9,072,430	a 43.25% increase of	$ 2,739,280

The number of Alberta practitioners claiming during the year and the percentage change from the previous year were:

Physicians	3,233	5.28% increase
Dental Surgeons	848	13.07% increase
Chiropractors	300	1.01% increase
Optometrists	197	2.07% increase
Podiatrists	19	11.76% increase
Physiotherapists	215	33.54% increase

The average fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners and the percentage change over last year were:

Physicians	$147,136	6.27% increase
Dental Surgeons	$ 10,322	20.70% increase
Chiropractors	$ 66,584	5.44% increase
Optometrists	$ 41,069	5.25% increase
Podiatrists	$140,375	3.28% increase
Physiotherapists	$ 42,040	7.24% increase

In addition to fee-for-service payments for Basic Health Services, $2,485,178 was paid to Provincial and Federal Departments and Agencies and groups of medical practitioners for health care services provided on salary, sessional and contract arrangements.

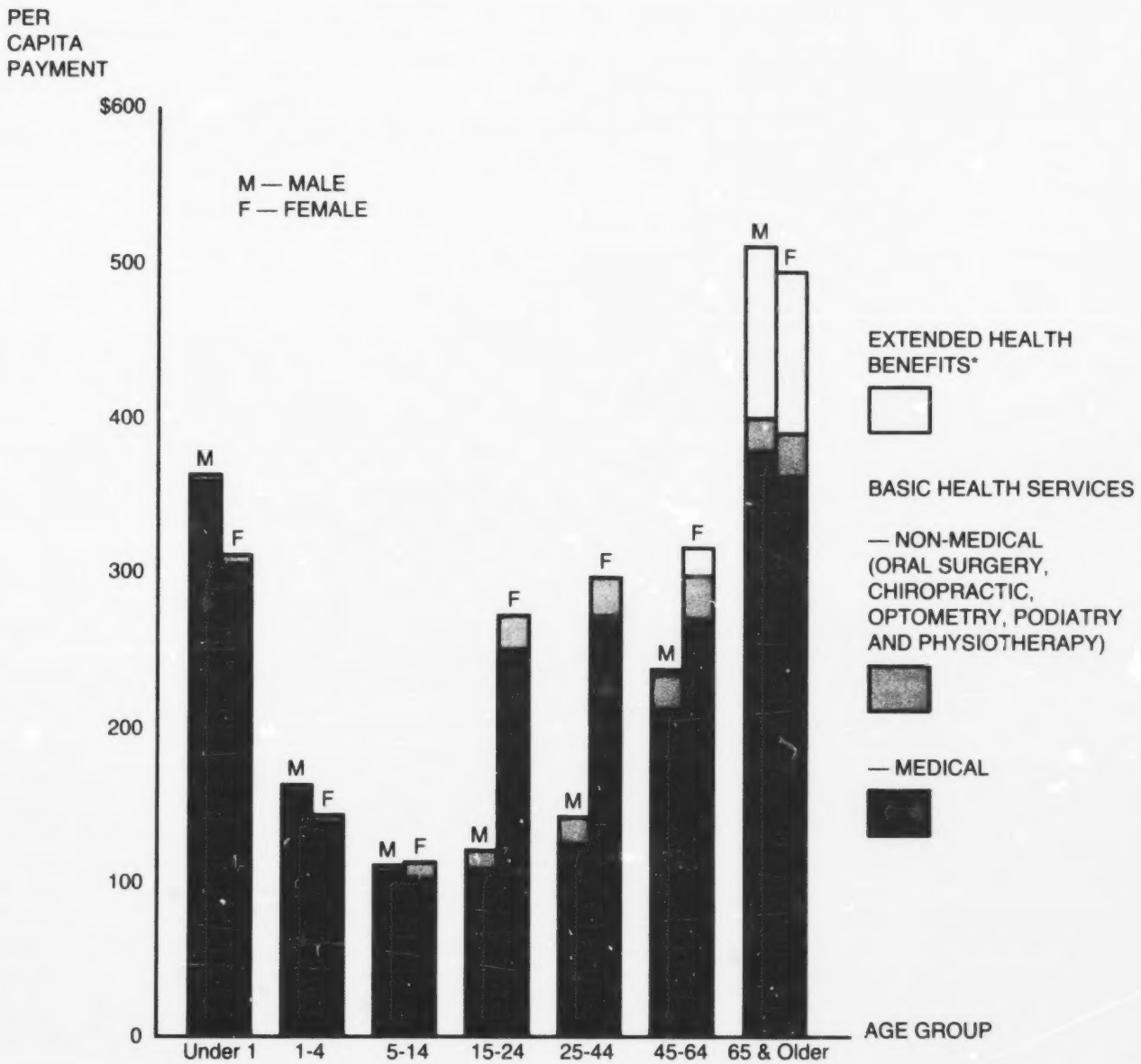
The Plan's average cost of fee-for-service benefits for Basic Health Services increased 13.39% to $217.40 per person.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, registrants aged 65 and older and their spouses and dependants, and widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants, were entitled to receive dental and optical benefits. The total payments and average cost per person for these benefits were:

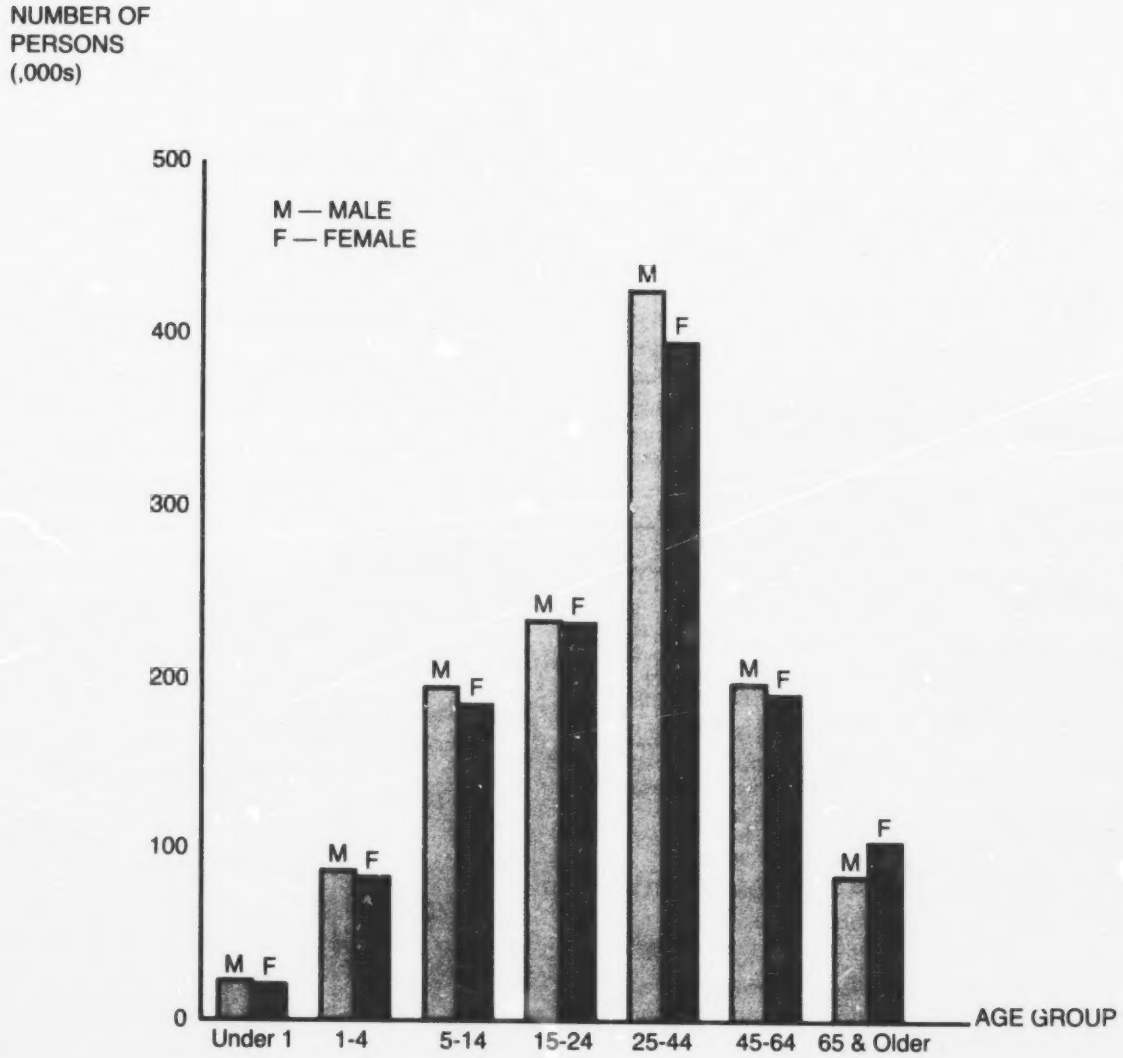
Dental	$14,488,425	$66.16
Denturists	$ 5,317,076	$24.28
Optometry	$ 2,005,639	$ 9.16
Ophthalmic Dispensers	$ 1,881,646	$ 8.59

DISTRIBUTION OF AVERAGE PAYMENTS PER PERSON COVERED FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES AND EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS BY AGE & SEX FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1984



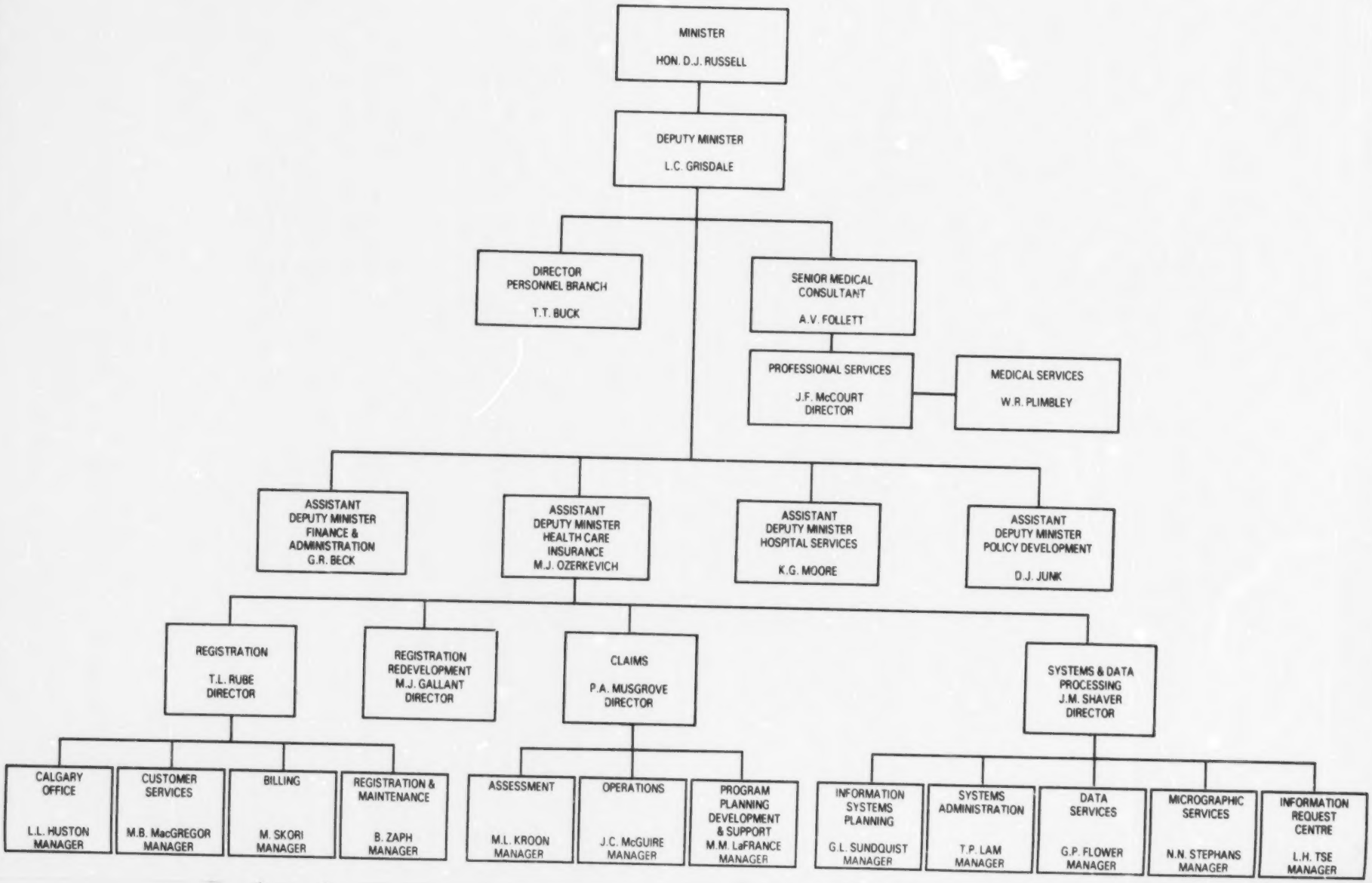
*Cover residents 65 years of age and older and their spouses and dependants, and widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and their dependants.
NOTE: Where per capita payment was less than $1.00 it was not indicated.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONS COVERED FOR BENEFITS BY AGE AND SEX AT MARCH 31, 1984



2. ORGANIZATION CHART

ALBERTA HOSPITALS & MEDICAL CARE
HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN
MARCH 31, 1984



3. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

Lloyd C. Grisdale M.D., Deputy Minister, was directly responsible to the Honourable David J. Russell, Minister of Alberta Hospitals and Medical Care, for the administration of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and the operation of the Health Care Insurance Fund.

Michael J. Ozerkevich, Assistant Deputy Minister of the Health Care Insurance Division, was responsible to the Deputy Minister for the day-to-day operation of the Plan, assisted by the directors of the three branches of the division. Providing support were the Finance and Administration Division and the Policy Development Division, as well as the Senior Medical Consultant and Personnel Branch.

REGISTRATION BRANCH

Thelma L. Rube was Director of this branch which was responsible for:

- registration of all residents and the updating of registration information;
- recording of Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group memberships obtained through the Plan;
- premium billing;
- public information services in Edmonton and Calgary, and
- field staff which provided assistance to employers and others operating under the group plan.

CLAIMS BRANCH

Phillip A. Musgrove was Director of this branch which processed claims for:

- benefits for Basic Health Services provided both within and outside the Province;
- optical and dental benefits, provided both within and outside the Province, under the Extended Health Benefits Program;
- benefits for Workers' Compensation Board patients;
- special benefits under the Emergency Financial Assistance Program, and
- benefits for insured hospital services provided outside Alberta.

SYSTEMS AND DATA PROCESSING BRANCH

Joseph M. Shaver was Director of this branch which provided information systems support to the Plan in the areas of:

- EDP planning;
- new project development;
- maintenance and enhancements to existing systems;
- data processing operations, including data conversion, data control, computer processing and monitoring computer processing;
- consulting services for hardware and software;
- liaison with the Information Services Division of Alberta Government Services;
- micrographics systems and services, and
- operation of the Information Request Centre.

REGISTRATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

Marcel J. Gallant as Director of this project was responsible for the development of a new registration/billing computer system. This major two-year undertaking, when implemented, will feature fully on-line enquiry and update capabilities utilizing state-of-the-art technology. The major benefit will be a significantly improved level of service.

DEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

This division, under Assistant Deputy Minister George R. Beck, provided support by:

- maintaining financial and accounting records;
- collecting premium and other revenues;
- preparing budget and fiscal reports;
- administering office services and facilities management;
- providing revenue and expenditure control;
- maintaining an internal audit program;
- providing legislative planning, interpretations and legal services, and
- providing internal and external communication services.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

This division, under Assistant Deputy Minister Donald J. Junk, provided support by:

- initiating, coordinating and administering health economics research;
- gathering statistical data, and
- preparing data for fee negotiations with the health professions.

SENIOR MEDICAL CONSULTANT

This sector, under Senior Medical Consultant Arthur V. Follett M.D., provided support by:

- providing professional advice for the planning, delivery and economics of insured services programs;
- maintaining liaison with practitioners and their professional associations;
- developing claims assessment policies and reviewing the accuracy of claims submissions;
- conducting educational and technical training programs for the claims assessment staff, and
- issuing Statements of Benefits whereby all registrants of the Plan received notification with regard to benefits paid on their behalf.

PERSONNEL BRANCH

This branch, under Director Terrence T. Buck, administered the Plan's personnel services, which included recruitment and selection of staff, pay and benefits administration, job classification, staff relations, employee performance evaluation, health and safety, and organization development and training.

In this fiscal year, the branch was involved in a major downsizing exercise where 65 employees were given position abolishment notices. Every effort has been made to place employees requesting redeployment to comparable positions.

4. CHANGES TO RATES OF BENEFITS

There were no increases to the rates payable under the Schedules of Benefits of the Plan for Basic Health Services and Extended Health Benefits effective January 1, 1984.

5. FINANCING OF THE PLAN

The Plan was financed by premiums, Government of Canada cash contributions and by a Government of Alberta grant to cover the remainder.

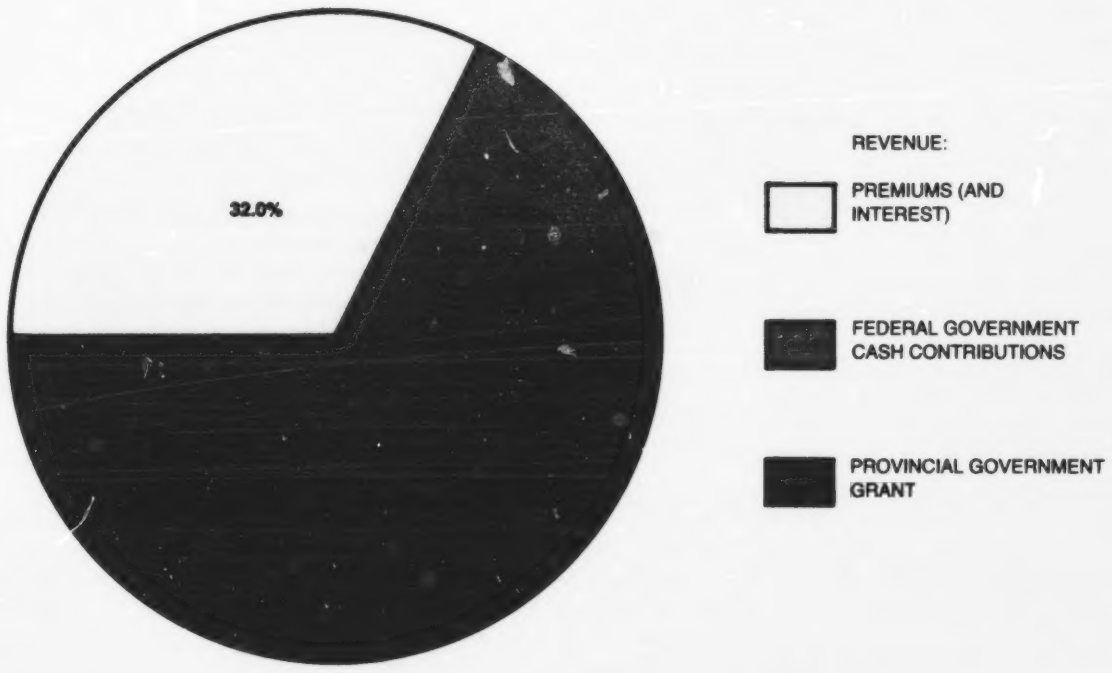
Premiums financed 32.0% of the cost of the Plan, versus 27.0% for last year.

Government of Canada cash contributions accounted for an additional 13.8% of the cost as compared with 13.5% for the previous year.

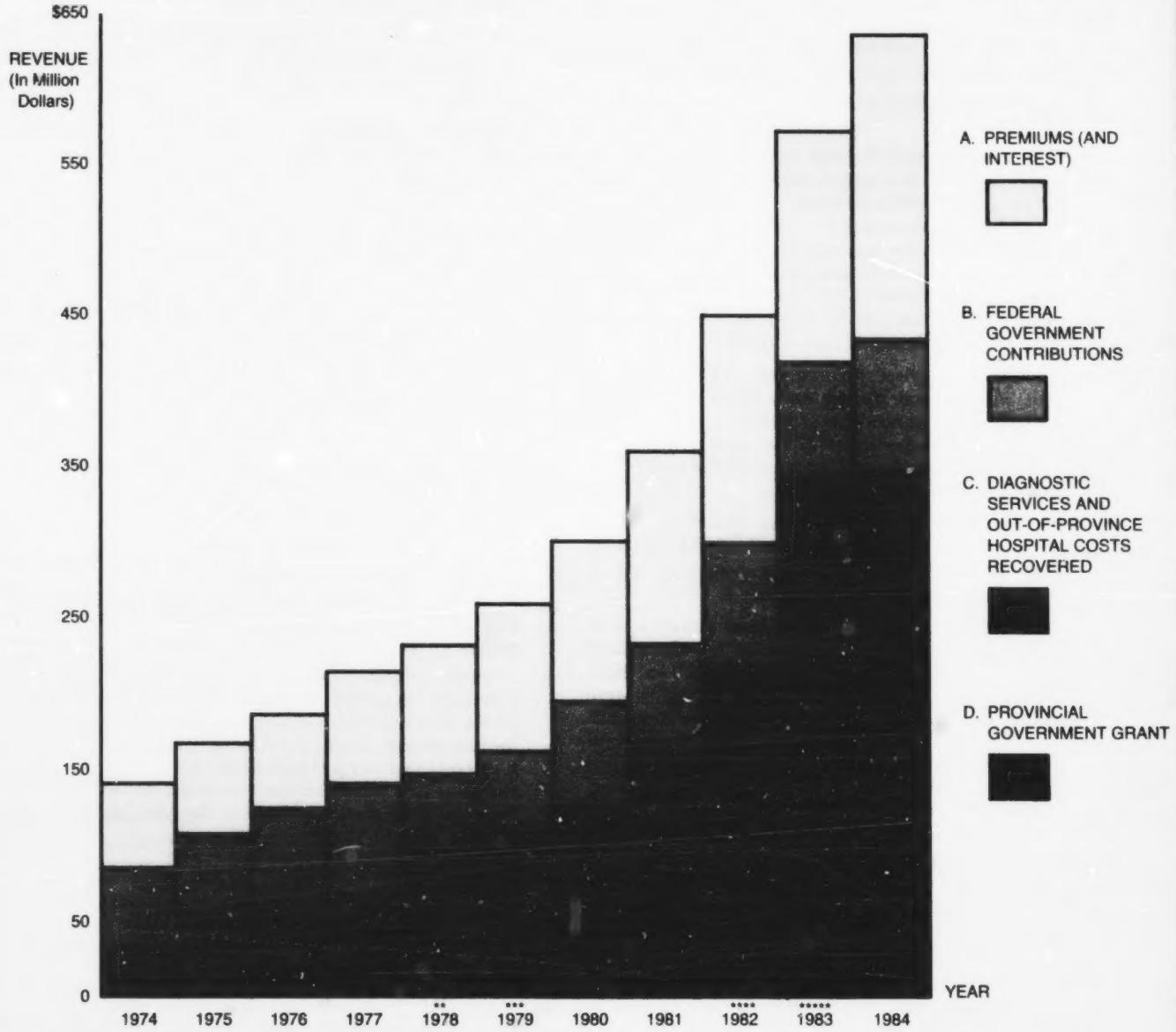
The remaining 54.2% was funded by a grant from the Government of Alberta. Last year this grant covered 59.5%.

Since April 1, 1977, Government of Canada contributions to the provinces have been in the form of transfer of tax points and direct cash payments. Only the Medicare portion of the direct cash payments was received by the Plan.

SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE ALBERTA HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1984



SOURCES OF REVENUE FOR THE ALBERTA HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31*



NOTES:

* Estimated on an accrual basis for 1973 to 1977 from audited statements of revenues.

** Effective April 1, 1977, the federal government contributions included direct cash contributions only, and therefore were not comparable to the previous years.

*** The recovery of diagnostic service costs and out-of-province hospital costs was discontinued effective April 1, 1977 and 1978, respectively.

**** Excludes provincial government contributions covering expenditures for Workers' Compensation Services for the period from January 1 to March 31, 1982.

***** Provincial government grant includes a recovery of $2,304,324 from the Workers' Compensation Board applicable to the 1981-82 fiscal year.

6. BENEFITS OF THE PLAN

Benefits on a fee-for-service basis were based on approved schedules of benefits and paid to registered residents of Alberta or, on their behalf, directly to practitioners. Available benefits were:

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

- Medically required services of general practitioners and specialists.
- Specified oral surgical procedures carried out by dental surgeons.
- Optometric services limited to one eye examination including refraction and the writing of a prescription for the fitting of glasses in each benefit period* and limited to a maximum of $23.75 (effective January 1, 1983). Benefits for more than one eye examination may be paid in each benefit period if the optometrist of that person satisfies the Minister in writing that more than one assessment is required. The Plan did not pay for the fitting or cost of glasses.
- Chiropractic services to a maximum of $11.50 for each visit with a limit during each benefit period* of $192.00 for single residents and $384.00 for those with one or more dependants. This coverage included $19.00 for x-rays for each particular disability (effective January 1, 1983).
- Approved podiatric services and appliances. There was a limit during each benefit period* of $192.00 for single residents and $384.00 for those with one or more dependants (effective January 1, 1983).
- Physiotherapy services to a daily maximum of $18.70 per person, with a limit during each benefit period* of $192.00 for single residents and $384.00 for those with one or more dependants. These limits were waived for cases which were considered a continuation of inpatient hospital care under the joint referral of the attending physician and hospital physiotherapy department, and for persons eligible for Extended Health Benefits.

* A benefit period consists of 12 months, beginning the first of each July and running until the end of the following June.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Coverage included hospital services provided under The Alberta Hospitalization Benefits Plan.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Optional health services under the Alberta Blue Cross Plan were provided through the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan at no cost to registrants aged 65 and older and to their spouses and dependants, and to widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and to their dependants. Non-Group membership was also available at reduced rates to other registered residents unable to obtain similar coverage through their place of employment.

The Alberta Blue Cross Plan, operated by the Alberta Hospital Association, was reimbursed by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for the claims expenditure and for the associated administrative costs.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

This program was provided without payment of a premium for registrants aged 65 and older and for their spouses and dependants, and for widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and for their dependants. The following benefits were paid in accordance with approved schedules of rates:

- Dental goods and services including restorative, surgical and prosthetic dental care and repairs to dentures. Not more than $1,200 was payable on behalf of one person for any two consecutive calendar years. A complete or partial dental plate or a reset for a given arch was payable only once in every five years and a reline or rebase once in every two years.
- Optical goods and services prescribed following an eye examination or required to maintain the prescription. A benefit for new eyeglasses was not payable more than once in every three years unless the eyeglasses had been accidentally damaged beyond repair or a change of prescription was necessary following surgery affecting vision.

The Department of Social Services and Community Health was responsible for providing benefits for hearing aids and surgical and medical supplies and appliances.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Under this program, a registrant could apply for special consideration to help in paying for insured health and hospital services received outside Alberta, if the costs exceeded the benefits payable by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and the Alberta Hospitalization Benefits Plan and the excessive cost placed an undue burden on the registrant's financial resources. Application for assistance could be made when:

- the required services were not available in Alberta, or
- during temporary absence from Alberta, the services were required because of an emergency which could not have been foreseen or guarded against.

7. MONTHLY PREMIUM RATES

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

Regular Premium Rates
- Single $14.00
- Family 28.00

Registrant or Spouse aged 65 and older
- Single or Family ..... Nil

Widows and Widowers receiving Alberta Widows' Pension†
- Single or Family ..... Nil

Reduced Premium Rates
- Single, Taxable income more than $3500 but not more than $4500 ..... 7.00
- Family, Taxable income more than $6000 but not more than $7500* 14.00
- Single, Taxable income not more than $3500 ..... Nil
- Family, Taxable income not more than $6000* ..... Nil
- Social Allowance Recipients ..... Nil
- Waiver of Premium (due to financial hardship) ..... Nil

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

Regular Premium Rates
- Single ..... $ 6.60
- Family 13.20

Registrant or Spouse aged 65 and older
- Single or Family ..... Nil

Widows and Widowers receiving Alberta Widows' Pension†
- Single or Family ..... Nil

Reduced Premium Rates
- Single, Taxable income not more than $4500 ..... 4.70
- Family, Taxable income not more than $7500* 9.40

* For family registration, taxable incomes of husband and wife are combined.

† Effective May 1, 1983.

Note: The premium rates for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership became effective July 1, 1983.

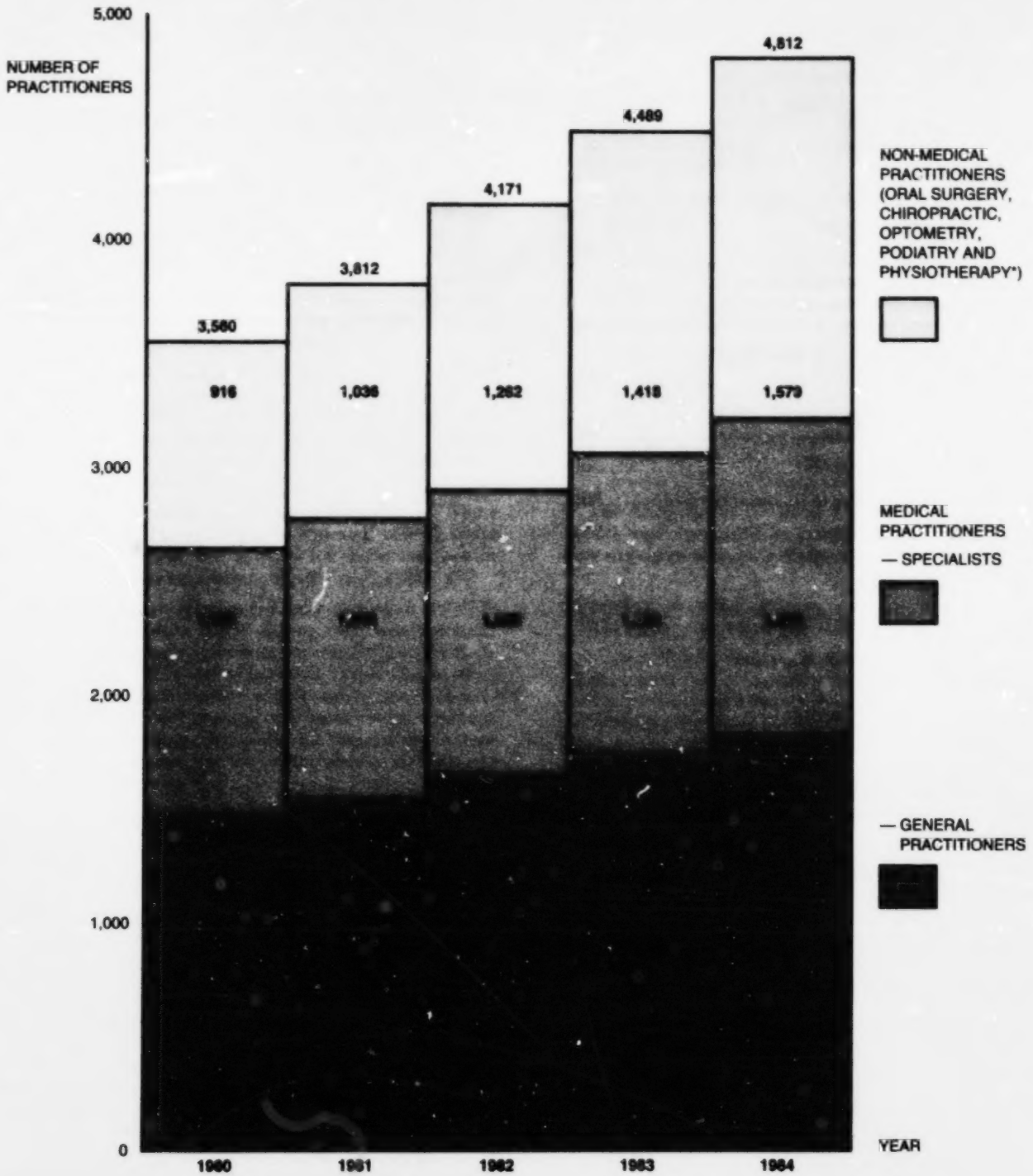
8. FIVE YEAR SUMMARY

Selected comparative statistical data for the past five years are illustrated by the following charts:

1. Number of Alberta practitioners who received payments for Basic Health Services from the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan for the years ended March 31, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984.
2. Average payment per person covered for Basic Health Services for the years ended March 31, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984.
3. Average number of services per person covered for Basic Health Services for the years ended March 31, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983 and 1984.

CHART 1

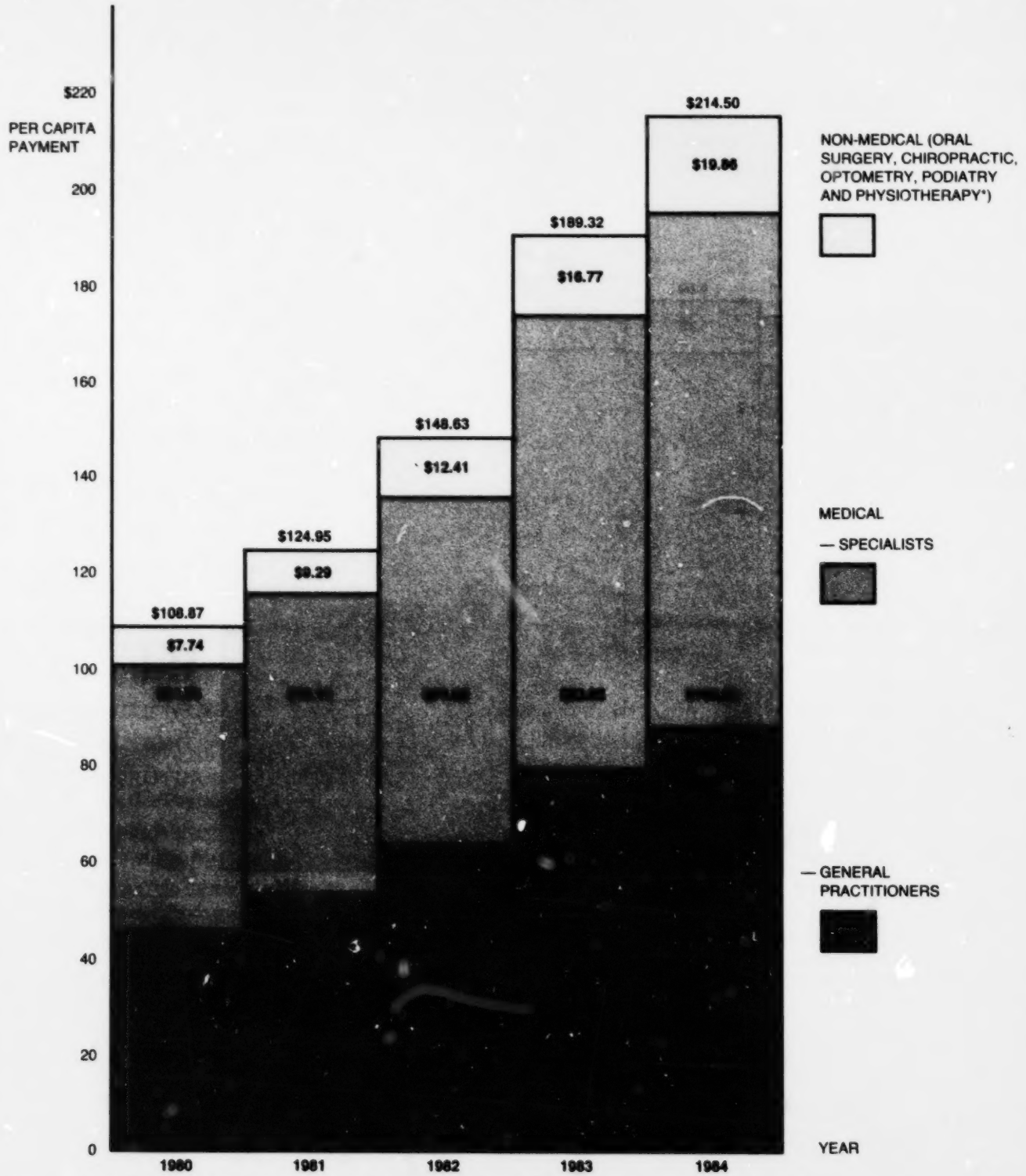
NUMBER OF ALBERTA PRACTITIONERS WHO RECEIVED PAYMENT FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE ALBERTA HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31



* The number of physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only those practitioners who received fee-for-service payments during the nine-month period July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

CHART 2

AVERAGE PAYMENT PER PERSON COVERED FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31

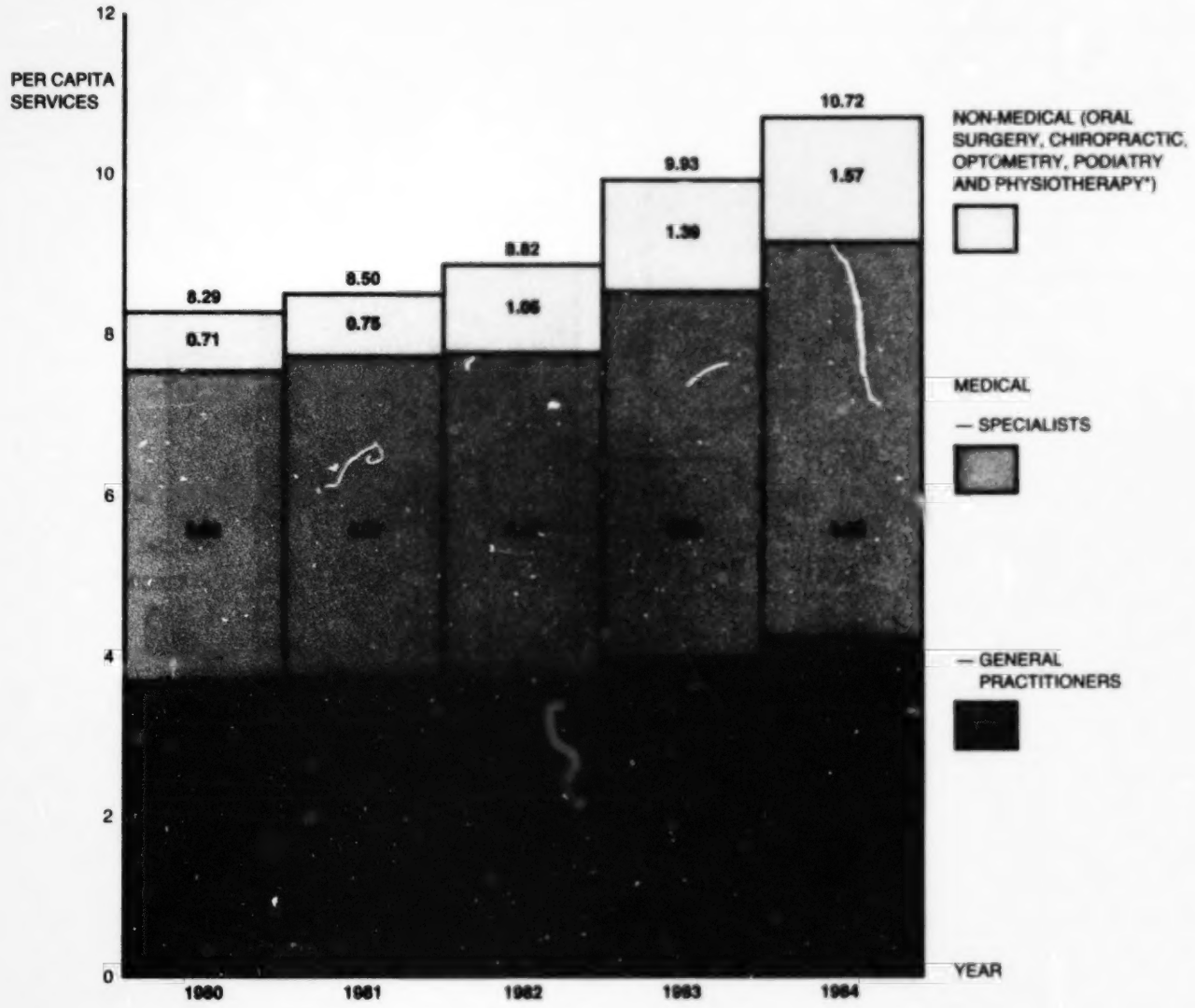


* The amount paid to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

NOTE: Only fee-for-service payments to Alberta practitioners are included.

CHART 3

AVERAGE NUMBER OF SERVICES PER PERSON FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE YEARS ENDED MARCH 31



* The amount paid to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

NOTE: Only services provided by Alberta practitioners on a fee-for-service basis are included.

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EXPLANATORY COMMENTS

The following are explanatory remarks relating to statistical tables tabulated from the registration and claims-payment files of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

(A) Registration

1. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily absent from the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.
2. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.
3. Exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted to registrants aged 65 and older and to their spouses and dependants; and to widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and to their dependants.
4. The premium payment levels indicated are those charged to registrants by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

(B) Claims-Payment

1. Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan paid a major portion of the cost of eyeglasses, dentures and dental care for registrants 65 years of age and older and for their spouses and their dependants; and for widows and widowers receiving the Alberta Widows' Pension and for their dependants.
2. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.
3. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.
4. Average payment is the arithmetic mean payment. Median payment is the middle payment when all payments are arranged according to size.
5. To make statistical data more manageable, a grouping of medical practitioners is necessary for certain cross-tabulations. The grouping consists of (i) General Practitioners, (ii) Medical Specialists, (iii) Surgical Specialists and (iv) Laboratory Specialists. The Medical Specialists group is composed of anaesthetists, dermatologists, internists, neurologists, paediatricians, psychiatrists and physiatrists. The Surgical Specialists group is made up of general surgeons, urologists, neurological surgeons, obstetricians-gynaecologists, ophthalmologists, rhino-otolaryngologists, orthopaedic surgeons, plastic surgeons and thoracic surgeons. The Laboratory Specialists group consists of pathologists and pathology laboratories, radiologists and radiology laboratories and other laboratories such as E.E.G. (electroencephalogram) laboratories.
6. Osteopathic services are included in medical services.
7. The number of discrete patients is defined as the number of different registered persons receiving at least one service during the period reported.
8. Payments for Basic Health Services provided to injured workers coming under the Workers' Compensation Act, which are recoverable from the Workers' Compensation Board, have not been included in the payment data shown in the following statistical tables.

NOTE

The statistics in the following tables cannot be used as an accurate measure of a full-time practitioner's income as:

(1) practitioners receive income from other sources (e.g. Workers' Compensation Board, extra-billing, third party medicals, and for other services not covered by the Plan);

(2) both full-time and part-time practitioners are included in the statistics;

(3) the figures quoted are gross payments from which practitioners pay their office expenses.

MEDICAL BENEFITS
SELECTED INDICATORS
For the years ended March 31

TABLE 1

	1982	1983	1984	Percentage Change 1983/1982	Percentage Change 1984/1983
Number of Registered Persons	2,423,043	2,464,253	**2,443,943**	1.70%	**−0.82%**
Number of Medical Practitioners					
All Practitioners	2,909	3,071	**3,233**	5.57%	**5.28%**
General Practitioners	1,656	1,749	**1,834**	5.62%	**4.86%**
Medical Specialists	615	671	**712**	9.11%	**6.11%**
Surgical Specialists	500	504	**524**	0.80%	**3.97%**
Laboratory Specialists	138	147	**163**	6.52%	**10.88%**
Total Medical Payments*	$330,073,803	$425,200,258	**$475,692,048**	28.82%	**11.87%**
Total Number of Medical Services*	18,823,111	21,043,099	**22,360,803**	11.79%	**6.26%**
Number of Medical Services Per Practitioner	6,471	6,852	**6,916**	5.89%	**0.93%**
Total Medical Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$ 136,223	$ 172,547	**$ 194,641**	26.67%	**12.80%**
Total Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	7,768	8,539	**9,149**	9.93%	**7.14%**
Average Payments					
All Practitioners	$ 113,466	$ 138,457	**$ 147,136**	22.03%	**6.27%**
General Practitioners	92,475	112,055	**117,299**	21.17%	**4.68%**
Medical Specialists	88,400	105,469	**113,360**	19.31%	**7.48%**
Surgical Specialists	126,670	155,717	**166,356**	22.93%	**6.83%**
Laboratory Specialists	429,228	543,977	**568,604**	26.73%	**4.53%**
Median Payments					
All Practitioners	$ 96,661	$ 116,351	**$ 120,532**	20.37%	**3.59%**
General Practitioners	93,348	112,017	**116,658**	20.00%	**4.14%**
Medical Specialists	85,080	103,097	**105,910**	21.18%	**2.73%**
Surgical Specialists	129,136	151,160	**165,140**	17.05%	**9.25%**
Laboratory Specialists	67,449	70,156	**76,473**	4.01%	**9.00%**
Discrete Patients (Medical)**	1,943,145	2,041,349	**2,065,094**	5.05%	**1.16%**
Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	668	665	**639**	−0.45%	**−3.91%**

* Only fee-for-service items paid to practitioners in Alberta are included.

** Discrete Patients means the number of persons who have received at least one service during the period.

MEDICAL SERVICES PER 1,000 INSURED PERSONS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF SERVICE

For the years ended June 30, 1974 to 1977 and March 31, 1978 to 1984

TABLE 2

Type of Service	Years Ending June 30				Years Ending March 31							Percentage Change 1984/1983	Annual Average Percentage Change (1974-1984)
	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984		
Consultations	164	175	179	193	195	207	210	218	226	254	[illegible]	**11.81%**	5.79%
Office Visits	2,699	2,858	2,917	3,080	3,022	3,110	3,164	3,269	3,244	3,561	**3,795**	**6.57**	3.56
Hospital Visits	949	899	850	826	786	775	767	706	676	742	**804**	**8.36**	−1.69
House Visits	211	217	219	213	175	157	149	149	143	110	**88**	**−20.00**	−8.58
Major Surgery	68	64	64	67	66	66	64	63	61	67	**73**	**8.96**	0.73
Minor Surgery	86	90	86	93	99	98	96	101	101	108	**115**	**6.48**	3.03
Surgical Assists	37	35	33	32	30	29	27	29	27	28	**29**	**3.57**	−2.47
Obstetrical Services	20	20	20	21	21	21	22	22	22	23	**24**	**4.35**	1.89
Anaesthesia	130	139	137	135	132	133	143	144	142	153	**167**	**9.15**	2.60
Radiology Services	310	322	313	321	318	321	296	287	271	290	**290**	**—**	−0.68
Pathology Services	1,486	1,622	1,724	1,724	1,739	1,904	2,141	2,243	2,328	2,637	**2,820**	**6.94**	6.79
Other Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services	647	636	614	621	592	613	591	608	616	659	**759**	**15.17**	1.65
Total	6,807	7,077	7,156	7,326	7,175	7,434	7,670	7,839	7,857	8,632	**9,248**	**7.14**	3.19

NOTES: A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Osteopathic services were classified as medical services effective October 10, 1973. They were included in medical services for the entire year ended June 30, 1974 and for all subsequent years.

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES
PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

TABLE 3

Discipline / Effective Date	Medical	Oral Surgery	Chiropractic	Optometry	Podiatry	Physiotherapy*
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 1, 1970	6.95	Nil	18.99	25.00	25.63	N.A.
November 1, 1972	0.62	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
October 1, 1973	4.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
October 1, 1974	4.00	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
March 1, 1975	7.20	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	N.A.
January 1, 1976	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	N.A.
January 1, 1977	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	N.A.
January 1, 1978	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47	N.A.
January 1, 1979	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	N.A.
January 1, 1980	15.50	10.50	9.00*	8.50	9.00	N.A.
January 1, 1981	15.40**	11.60	11.00	11.00	11.00	N.A.
January 1, 1982	16.47	9.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.18**
July 1, 1982	4.80***	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1983	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00***

NOTES: * Effecive March 1, 1980.

** Effective March 1, 1981, annualized to 12.80%.

*** Added benefits to deal with substantive issues, including payments for mandatory consultations, re-designation of the workday start, differentials for evenings and nights, and differentials for week-ends and holidays.

* Fee-for-service physiotherapy became an insured benefit of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan on July 1, 1981.

** Effective February 1, 1982, annualized to 13.00%.

*** Effective March 1, 1983, annualized to 5.00%.

REGISTRATIONS AND PERSONS COVERED

TABLE 4

at March 31

	Registrations			Percentage Change		Persons			Percentage Change	
	1982	1983	1984	1983/1982	1984/1983	1982	1983	1984	1983/1982	1984/1983
Individual	399,912	413,882		3.49%		830,249	851,060		2.51%	
Group	535,465	512,460		−4.30%		1,293,432	1,270,449		−1.78%	
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	137,656	142,153		3.27%		203,059	209,629		3.24%	
Widows' Pension	—	—		—		—	—		—	
Social Allowance Recipients*	43,982	58,044		31.97%		96,303	133,115		38.23%	
TOTAL	1,117,015	1,126,539		0.85%		2,423,043	2,464,253		1.70%	

* Also includes inmates of Provincial Correctional Centres and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services.

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B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

C. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

REGISTRATIONS AND PERSONS COVERED BY METHOD OF PREMIUM COLLECTION AND SUBSIDY LEVEL

TABLE 5

at March 31, 1984

	One Person		Two Persons		Three or More Persons		Total	
	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons	Registrations	Persons
Non Subsidized								
Individual	177,235	177,235	48,084	96,168	104,679	420,187	329,998	693,590
Group	165,952	165,952	107,017	214,034	215,621	857,771	488,590	1,237,757
TOTAL	343,187	343,187	155,101	310,202	320,300	1,277,958	818,588	1,931,347
Subsidized								
Reduced Premium Rates								
Individual	3,857	3,857	1,060	2,120	1,952	8,004	6,869	13,981
Group	511	511	231	462	359	1,575	1,101	2,548
Premium Exempt								
Individual	40,064	40,064	11,174	22,348	19,823	82,243	71,061	144,655
Group	4,803	4,803	1,618	3,236	2,165	8,928	8,586	16,967
TOTAL	49,235	49,235	14,083	28,166	24,299	100,750	87,617	178,151
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	82,359	82,359	60,191	120,382	3,925	13,165	146,475	215,906
Widows' Pension	2,343	2,343	225	450	81	282	2,649	3,075
Social Allowance Recipients*	23,808	23,808	9,751	19,502	18,256	72,154	51,815	115,464
TOTALS:								
Individual	221,156	221,156	60,318	120,636	126,454	510,434	407,928	852,226
Group	171,266	171,266	108,866	217,732	218,145	868,274	498,277	1,257,272
Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older	82,359	82,359	60,191	120,382	3,925	13,165	146,475	215,906
Widows' Pension	2,343	2,343	225	450	81	282	2,649	3,075
Social Allowance Recipients*	23,808	23,808	9,751	19,502	18,256	72,154	51,815	115,464
TOTAL	500,932	500,932	239,351	478,702	366,861	1,464,309	1,107,144	2,443,943

* Also includes inmates of Provincial Correction Centres and their spouses and dependants, who were exempted from payment of premiums for Basic Health Services.

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B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

C. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES
Persons Covered by Age and Sex
at March 31

TABLE 6

Age	Male 1982	Male 1983	Male 1984	Male Percentage Change 1983/1982	Male Percentage Change 1984/1983	Female 1982	Female 1983	Female 1984	Female Percentage Change 1983/1982	Female Percentage Change 1984/1983	Total 1982	Total 1983	Total 1984	Total Percentage Change 1983/1982	Total Percentage Change 1984/1983
Under 1	22,497	23,386	**23,092**	3.95%	**−1.26%**	21,346	22,206	**21,865**	4.03%	**−1.54%**	43,843	45,592	**44,957**	3.99%	**−1.39%**
1 - 4	84,819	87,250	**87,331**	2.87%	**0.09%**	79,802	82,430	**82,807**	3.29%	**0.46%**	164,621	169,680	**170,138**	3.07%	**0.27%**
5 - 14	193,711	195,487	**193,116**	0.92%	**−1.21%**	184,126	185,494	**182,924**	0.74%	**−1.39%**	377,837	380,981	**376,040**	0.83%	**−1.30%**
15 - 24	266,831	251,475	**232,229**	−5.75%	**−7.65%**	251,833	246,087	**230,704**	−2.28%	**−6.25%**	518,664	497,562	**462,933**	−4.07%	**−6.96%**
25 - 44	403,988	422,553	**424,219**	4.60%	**0.39%**	367,934	386,855	**394,013**	5.14%	**1.85%**	771,922	809,408	**818,232**	4.86%	**1.09%**
45 - 64	189,451	193,847	**196,128**	2.32%	**1.18%**	182,700	187,215	**189,783**	2.47%	**1.37%**	372,151	381,062	**385,911**	2.39%	**1.27%**
65 & Older	78,977	81,068	**83,006**	2.65%	**2.39%**	95,028	98,900	**102,726**	4.07%	**3.87%**	174,005	179,968	**185,732**	3.43%	**3.20%**
TOTAL	1,240,274	1,255,066	**1,239,121**	1.19%	**−1.27%**	1,182,769	1,209,187	**1,204,822**	2.23%	**−0.36%**	2,423,043	2,464,253	**2,443,943**	1.70%	**−0.82%**

NOTES: A. The coverage data reported are the actual registrations on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files. These exceed the Statistics Canada provincial population estimates. The differences are accounted for by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan files being kept current by the continual processing of additions and deletions of persons, by persons being temporarily outside the province for educational purposes and by registrants who have left the province but retain coverage for a period of three months.

B. The coverage figures do not include members of the Armed Forces and R.C.M.P., and inmates of Federal Penitentiaries.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP
Registrations and Persons Covered by Level of Premium Payment at March 31

TABLE 7

		Regular Premium Rates			Reduced Premium Rates			Registrant or Spouse Age 65 or Older			Widows' Pension			Total		
		1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
One Person	Registrations	26,969	27,104	**21,806**	7,304	6,748	**8,793**	77,441	79,944	**82,359**	—	—	**2,343**	111,714	113,796	**115,303**
	Persons	26,969	27,104	**21,806**	7,304	6,748	**8,793**	77,441	79,944	**82,359**	—	—	**2,343**	111,714	113,796	**115,303**
Two Persons	Registrations	15,484	16,409	**14,246**	2,874	2,666	**4,422**	56,480	58,283	**60,191**	—	—	**225**	74,838	77,358	**79,084**
	Persons	30,968	32,818	**28,492**	5,748	5,332	**8,844**	112,960	116,566	**120,382**	—	—	**450**	149,676	154,716	**158,168**
Three or More Persons	Registrations	33,643	34,198	**28,777**	4,581	4,084	**7,683**	3,735	3,926	**3,925**	—	—	**81**	41,959	42,208	**40,466**
	Persons	136,402	138,620	**116,730**	19,529	17,430	**32,167**	12,658	13,119	**13,165**	—	—	**282**	168,589	169,169	**162,344**
Total	Registrations	76,096	77,711	**64,831**	14,759	13,498	**20,898**	137,656	142,153	**146,475**	—	—	**2,649**	228,511	233,362	**234,853**
	Persons	194,339	198,542	**167,030**	32,581	29,510	**49,804**	203,059	209,629	**215,906**	—	—	**3,075**	429,979	437,681	**435,815**

NOTES: A. Where either the registrant or registrant's spouse was age 65 years or older, exemption from payment of premium for Basic Health Services and Alberta Blue Cross was granted.

B. The premium payment levels indicated are those charged to registrants by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan.

C. Those who were eligible for the Basic Health Services at the 100 percent subsidy level were also eligible for Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group coverage at reduced premium rates, but were not exempted from payment of the premium.

D. The Alberta Widows' Pension Program was introduced on May 1, 1983 to assist widows and widowers of limited income who were age 55 and older but under age 65, by providing financial, housing and health care benefits similar to those received by Alberta senior citizens. Under the health care benefits portion of the Program, eligible persons and their dependants receive premium-free coverage under the Basic Health Services Program, Extended Health Benefits Program and Alberta Blue Cross Non-Group Membership.

ALBERTA BLUE CROSS NON-GROUP MEMBERSHIP

TABLE 8

Persons Covered by Age and Sex
at March 31

Age	Male			Female			Total		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
Under 1	2,336	2,248	1,981	2,162	2,100	1,860	4,498	4,348	3,841
1 - 4	8,518	8,469	7,913	8,026	7,787	7,251	16,544	16,256	15,164
5 - 14	20,270	19,882	18,871	19,125	18,914	17,736	39,395	38,796	36,607
15 - 24	22,858	22,795	21,611	22,546	22,367	21,283	45,404	45,162	42,894
25 - 44	32,891	32,729	30,550	34,521	34,542	32,759	67,412	67,271	63,309
45 - 64	31,986	33,379	34,090	51,567	53,316	54,941	83,553	86,695	89,031
65 & Older*	78,415	80,526	82,518	94,758	98,627	102,451	173,173	179,153	184,969
TOTAL	197,274	200,028	197,534	232,705	237,653	238,281	429,979	437,681	435,815

* The number of persons in this age group differs from the number of persons shown in Table 6 as only those registrations where the age of the person 65 years or older has been verified are provided with premium exempt Alberta Blue Cross coverage.

DISTRIBUTION OF PAYMENTS FOR BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 9

For the years ended March 31

	Total			Practitioners			Registrants		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
Medical*	$336,410,474	$432,818,810	$485,066,660	$334,962,801	$430,648,581	$483,016,761	$1,447,673	$2,170,229	$2,049,899
Oral Surgery	4,208,521	6,424,644	8,772,719	4,062,279	6,255,179	8,639,770	146,242	169,465	132,949
Chiropractic	15,540,895	18,846,241	20,083,336	15,438,090	18,733,056	19,968,484	102,805	113,185	114,852
Optometry	6,281,193	7,556,805	8,121,928	6,062,473	7,297,599	7,881,355	218,720	259,206	240,573
Podiatry	1,795,654	2,316,356	2,674,850	1,790,732	2,311,400	2,669,711	4,922	4,956	5,139
Physiotherapy**	2,355,147	6,333,150	9,072,430	2,352,468	6,320,189	9,058,570	2,679	12,961	13,860
TOTAL	$366,591,884	$474,296,006	$533,791,923	$364,668,843	$471,566,004	$531,234,651	$1,923,041	$2,730,002	$2,557,272

* The amount paid to medical practitioners includes payments, as indicated for each year ended March 31, for medical services to Provincial and Federal Departments and Agencies in respect of doctors on salary, sessional and contract arrangements. The amount paid also includes sessional payments to groups of medical practitioners on a contract basis:

1982 $1,650,389
1983 $1,829,356
1984 $2,485,178

** The amount paid to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 includes only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

NOTE: The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis. Included are payments for Basic Health Services provided in and outside of Alberta.

TOTAL AND AVERAGE GROSS PAYMENTS TO PRACTITIONERS

TABLE 10

For the years ended March 31

	Number of Practitioners			Percentage Change		Total Paid			Percentage Change		Average Payments			Percentage Change	
	1982	1983	1984	1983/1982	1984/1983	1982	1983	1984	1983/1982	1984/1983	1982	1983	1984	1983/1982	1984/1983
Medical	2,909	3,071	**3,233**	5.57%	**5.28%**	$330,073,803	$425,200,258	**$475,692,048**	28.82%	**11.87%**	$113,466	$138,457	**$147,136**	22.03%	**6.27%**
Oral Surgery	656	750	**848**	14.33%	**13.07%**	4,202,889	6,413,928	**8,753,389**	52.61%	**36.47%**	6,407	8,552	**10,322**	33.48%	**20.70%**
Chiropractic	285	297	**300**	4.21%	**1.01%**	15,465,372	18,755,161	**19,975,293**	21.27%	**6.51%**	54,264	63,149	**66,584**	16.37%	**5.44%**
Optometry	188	193	**197**	2.66%	**2.07%**	6,258,401	7,530,765	**8,090,622**	20.33%	**7.43%**	33,289	39,020	**41,069**	17.22%	**5.25%**
Podiatry	15	17	**19**	13.33%	**11.76%**	1,789,104	2,310,594	**2,667,118**	29.15%	**15.43%**	119,274	135,917	**140,375**	13.95%	**3.28%**
Physiotherapy	118	161	**215**	36.44%	**33.54%**	2,350,080	6,311,398	**9,038,683**	168.56%	**43.21%**	19,916	39,201	**42,040**	96.83%	**7.24%**
TOTAL	4,171	4,489	**4,812**	7.62%	**7.20%**	$360,139,649	$466,522,104	**$524,217,153**	29.54%	**12.37%**					

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

C. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta for Basic Health Services.

D. Payments to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 include only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS PAYMENTS BY PAYMENT RANGE TO ALL PRACTITIONERS TABLE 11

For the years ended March 31

$ Range	Total			Medical			Oral Surgery			Chiropractic			Optometry			Podiatry			Physiotherapy		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
Less than 10,000	942	945	[illegible]	308	267	[illegible]	564	610	[illegible]	24	23	22	18	14	17		1	1	28	30	[illegible]
10,000 - 19,999	288	275	[illegible]	154	142	[illegible]	42	70	[illegible]	23	18	14	28	21	19		2		41	22	[illegible]
20,000 - 39,999	420	430	[illegible]	204	215	213	28	42	[illegible]	59	53	49	85	81	76	3		2	41	39	[illegible]
40,000 - 59,999	361	370	[illegible]	242	207	204	8	10	16	64	64	[illegible]	41	51	[illegible]	1	1	1	5	37	[illegible]
60,000 - 79,999	342	309	[illegible]	258	220	[illegible]	8	5	7	61	50	[illegible]	11	15	[illegible]	1		1	3	19	[illegible]
80,000 - 99,999	389	295	[illegible]	351	241	252	1	4	[illegible]	32	38	[illegible]	4	6	[illegible]	1	2	2		4	[illegible]
100,000 - 119,999	377	339	[illegible]	366	295	[illegible]		3	[illegible]	9	31	[illegible]	1	1	[illegible]	1	1	[illegible]		8	[illegible]
120,000 - 139,999	334	337	[illegible]	325	325	321	1	1	[illegible]	6	8	10		2	[illegible]	2	1				[illegible]
140,000 - 159,999	239	322	[illegible]	230	312	[illegible]	2			4	5	[illegible]		1	[illegible]	3	2	[illegible]		2	[illegible]
160,000 - 179,999	156	236	[illegible]	153	226	[illegible]	1	2		2	5	[illegible]		1			2	[illegible]			[illegible]
180,000 - 199,999	112	175	[illegible]	111	173	217			1		1	[illegible]			[illegible]	1	1	[illegible]			[illegible]
200,000 - 299,999	165	358	[illegible]	162	353	[illegible]	1	2	[illegible]			[illegible]				2	3	[illegible]			
300,000 - 399,999	21	58	[illegible]	21	56	[illegible]		1									1				
400,000 - 499,999	6	14	[illegible]	5	14	17				1								[illegible]			
500,000 - 599,999	5	8	[illegible]	5	7	[illegible]					1	[illegible]									
600,000 - 699,999	1	2	[illegible]	1	2	[illegible]															
700,000 - 799,999	1	1	[illegible]	1	1	[illegible]															
800,000 and Over	12	15	[illegible]	12	15	[illegible]															
TOTAL	4,171	4,489	[illegible]	2,909	3,071	[illegible]	656	750	[illegible]	285	297	[illegible]	188	193	[illegible]	15	17	[illegible]	118	161	[illegible]

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

C. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta for Basic Health Services.

D. Payments to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 include only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

AVERAGE AND MEDIAN GROSS PAYMENTS BY SPECIALTY TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

For the years ended March 31

TABLE 12

	Number of Practitioners			Average Payments			Percentage Change		Median Payments			Percentage Change	
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1983/1982	1984/1983	1982	1983	1984	1983/1982	1984/1983
TOTAL	2,909	3,071	3,233	$ 113,466	$ 138,457	$ 147,136	22.03%	6.27%	$ 96,661	$116,351	$120,532	20.37%	3.59%
General Practitioners	1,656	1,749	1,834	92,475	112,055	117,299	21.17%	4.68%	93,348	112,017	116,656	20.00%	4.14%
Total Specialists	1,253	1,322	1,399	141,209	173,386	186,251	22.79%	7.42%	100,586	122,386	127,015	21.67%	3.78%
Laboratory Specialists	138	147	163	429,228	543,977	568,604	26.73%	4.53%	67,449	70,156	76,473	4.01%	9.00%
Other Specialists	1,115	1,175	1,236	105,562	127,022	135,828	20.33%	6.93%	102,566	124,522	129,461	21.41%	3.97%
SPECIALISTS BY SPECIALTY													
Anaesthetists	127	148	152	$ 85,838	$ 95,844	$ 105,978	11.66%	6.49%	$ 93,361	$107,705	$116,544	15.36%	8.21%
Dermatologists	18	19	19	207,762	247,310	309,724	19.04%	25.24%	214,836	237,587	290,429	10.59%	22.24%
General Surgeons	151	153	159	114,062	137,936	146,924	20.93%	6.52%	122,140	139,537	147,068	14.24%	5.40%
Urologists	33	33	33	130,624	156,482	171,665	19.80%	9.70%	138,798	167,937	181,466	20.99%	8.06%
Internists	235	247	267	91,819	112,864	120,964	22.92%	7.18%	85,058	102,795	104,925	20.85%	2.07%
Neurologists	19	20	22	91,138	112,468	119,124	23.40%	5.92%	75,684	102,133	102,956	34.95%	0.81%
Neurological Surgeons	12	12	13	108,000	127,928	153,289	18.45%	19.82%	128,639	141,614	172,377	10.09%	21.72%
Obstetricians-Gynaecologists	114	117	120	126,408	154,557	166,583	22.27%	7.78%	128,316	150,191	165,755	17.05%	10.36%
Ophthalmologists	63	61	62	142,412	181,763	196,350	27.63%	8.12%	123,595	146,517	165,396	18.55%	12.89%
Rhino-Otolaryngologists	29	28	29	155,577	196,670	211,236	26.41%	7.41%	154,696	204,535	205,676	32.22%	0.56%
Orthopaedic Surgeons	62	64	71	124,623	153,054	150,630	22.81%	-1.58%	132,307	155,156	167,208	17.27%	7.77%
Paediatricians	105	115	124	78,123	97,101	102,187	24.29%	5.24%	68,450	82,032	82,169	19.84%	0.17%
Psychiatrists	103	114	120	76,247	88,604	90,826	16.21%	2.51%	76,218	88,873	91,931	16.60%	3.44%
Plastic Surgeons	24	24	25	121,597	168,023	186,136	38.18%	10.78%	135,971	152,855	189,388	12.42%	23.90%
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	8	8	8	44,953	61,477	66,793	36.76%	8.65%	50,690	59,905	58,829	18.18%	-1.80%
Thoracic Surgeons	12	12	12	163,836	181,066	208,619	10.52%	15.22%	184,210	203,215	207,642	10.32%	2.18%
Laboratory/Pathologists	32	37	39	1,314,485	1,538,006	1,726,039	17.00%	12.23%	93,362	104,524	109,421	11.96%	4.69%
Laboratory/Radiologists	99	103	117	169,819	219,526	212,745	29.27%	-3.09%	72,689	85,153	76,473	17.15%	-10.19%
Laboratory/Others	7	7	7	51,117	63,883	67,970	24.97%	6.40%	41,507	61,168	56,851	47.37%	-7.06%

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.

C. Average payment is the arithmetic mean payment. Median payment is the middle payment when all payments are arranged according to size.

D. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

E. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS PAYMENTS BY SPECIALTY TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

For the year ended March 31, 1984

TABLE 13

$ Range	All Practitioners		General Practitioners		All Specialists		Anaesthetists		Dermatologists		General Surgeons	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$ 918,966	281	$ 521,815	158	$ 397,151	123	$ 27,030	12	$		$ 50,222	13
10,000 - 19,999	2,194,985	148	1,275,488	90	829,497	58	51,550	4			27,452	2
20,000 - 39,999	6,378,750	213	3,529,705	116	2,939,045	97	203,097	6			224,563	7
40,000 - 59,999	10,189,960	204	5,546,932	113	4,643,028	91	507,186	10			303,471	6
60,000 - 79,999	15,221,182	216	8,461,630	120	6,759,552	96	1,038,897	15			405,786	6
80,000 - 99,999	22,751,499	252	14,635,461	161	8,116,038	91	1,290,842	14			1,131,658	13
100,000 - 119,999	32,670,269	295	22,311,135	201	10,359,134	94	2,574,392	23			566,889	5
120,000 - 139,999	41,624,555	321	23,948,026	185	17,676,529	136	4,396,818	34			2,897,587	22
140,000 - 159,999	42,720,697	286	26,884,745	180	15,835,952	106	2,247,395	15			2,238,222	15
160,000 - 179,999	43,859,001	259	26,492,987	157	17,366,014	102	1,711,144	10			3,205,884	19
180,000 - 199,999	41,261,409	217	24,010,351	126	17,251,058	91	1,321,858	7	372,872	2	1,694,863	9
200,000 - 299,999	98,908,581	415	46,537,366	197	52,371,215	218	434,417	2	2,714,984	10	8,392,457	35
300,000 - 399,999	27,084,602	80	8,516,910	25	18,567,692	55			1,728,020	5	2,221,637	7
400,000 - 499,999	7,499,123	17	1,254,236	3	6,244,887	14			406,882	1		
500,000 - 599,999	3,220,040	6	546,795	1	2,673,245	5						
600,000 - 699,999	2,567,628	4	652,930	1	1,914,698	3			662,001	1		
700,000 - 799,999	2,198,493	3			2,198,493	3						
800,000 and Over	74,422,308	16			74,422,308	16						
TOTAL	$475,692,048	3,233	$215,126,512	1,834	$260,565,536	1,399	$15,804,626	152	$5,884,759	19	$23,360 891	159

TABLE 13 Continued

$ Range	Urologists		Internists		Neurologists		Neurological Surgeons		Obstetricians-Gynaecologists		Ophthalmologists	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$		$ 95,452	25	$		$ 771	1	$ 2,138	3	$ 1,472	2
10,000 - 19,999	25,881	2	129,450	9			18,425	1	48,876	3	26,980	2
20,000 - 39,999	29,408	1	926,347	30	27,314	1	39,851	1	185,464	6	63,878	2
40,000 - 59,999			1,228,713	24	142,239	3			264,925	5	146,911	3
60,000 - 79,999			1,246,621	18	206,544	3			558,812	8	203,208	5
80,000 - 99,999	86,022	1	1,875,498	21	269,801	3	80,700	1	534,887	6	354,035	4
100,000 - 119,999	681,206	6	1,967,892	18	205,913	2			756,933	7	534,569	5
120,000 - 139,999	268,092	2	2,844,804	22	121,004	1	127,487	1	679,081	5	389,027	3
140,000 - 159,999	157,019	1	1,919,017	13	442,805	3	152,477	1	2,397,042	16	617,767	4
160,000 - 179,999	509,160	3	2,733,006	16	341,475	2	346,586	2	1,913,968	11	657,642	4
180,000 - 199,999	1,341,609	7	3,600,121	19	195,958	1			2,461,902	13	1,140,892	6
200,000 - 299,999	2,182,423	9	10,189,058	42	667,684	3	1,226,461	5	5,973,672	26	3,513,635	14
300,000 - 399,999	384,130	1	3,053,233	9					2,382,389	7	1,700,000	5
400,000 - 499,999			488,169	1					1,829,872	4	1,794,162	4
500,000 - 599,999												
600,000 - 699,999												
700,000 - 799,999												
800,000 and Over											1,040,697	1
TOTAL	$5,664,950	33	$32,297,381	267	$2,620,737	22	$1,992,758	13	$19,989,961	120	$12,184,875	62

TABLE 13 Continued

$ Range	Rhino-Otolaryngologists		Orthopaedic Surgeons		Paediatricians		Psychiatrists		Plastic Surgeons		Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$		$ 14,321	4	$ 68,185	17	$ 40,711	10	$		$	
10,000 - 19,999			30,437	2	155,786	11	166,091	11				
20,000 - 39,999			102,305	4	400,631	13	312,112	11	29,071	1		
40,000 - 59,999			100,575	2	353,728	7	657,577	13			269,197	5
60,000 - 79,999	77,964	1	227,512	3	991,309	14	262,472	4	132,089	2	71,908	1
80,000 - 99,999			86,526	1	552,891	6	1,316,214	15			89,460	1
100,000 - 119,999	103,482	1	437,766	4	876,412	8	1,225,515	11			103,782	1
120,000 - 139,999	509,145	4	532,447	4	881,496	7	2,566,681	20	403,118	3		
140,000 - 159,999	295,907	2	1,176,624	8	1,177,136	8	1,946,602	13	455,267	3		
160,000 - 179,999	518,190	3	2,564,633	15	1,181,838	7	828,315	5	339,062	2		
180,000 - 199,999	377,657	2	1,715,617	9	944,271	5	371,309	2	764,922	4		
200,000 - 299,999	3,230,630	13	2,993,353	13	4,094,699	18	901,801	4	2,226,786	9		
300,000 - 399,999	1,012,865	3	712,583	2	992,850	3	303,721	1	303,081	1		
400,000 - 499,999												
500,000 - 599,999												
600,000 - 699,999												
700,000 - 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	$6,125,840	29	$10,694,699	71	$12,671,232	124	$10,899,121	120	$4,653,396	25	$534,347	8

TABLE 13 Continued

$ Range	Thoracic Surgeons		Laboratory/Pathologists		Laboratory/Radiologists		Laboratory/Others	
	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners	Payments	Number of Practitioners
Less than 10,000	$ 9,904	1	$ 27,003	12	$ 59,942	23	$	
10,000 - 19,999			51,693	4	96,876	7		
20,000 - 39,999			37,225	1	321,322	12	36,457	1
40,000 - 59,999			50,196	1	466,305	9	152,005	3
60,000 - 79,999	155,126	2	62,698	1	962,098	13	156,508	2
80,000 - 99,999					447,504	5		
100,000 - 119,999	111,656	1	109,421	1	103,306	1		
120,000 - 139,999	134,304	1	260,863	2	533,752	4	130,823	1
140,000 - 159,999			153,884	1	458,788	3		
160,000 - 179,999	170,763	1			344,348	2		
180,000 - 199,999					947,207	5		
200,000 - 299,999	820,668	3	964,786	4	1,843,701	8		
300,000 - 399,999	681,871	2	311,391	1	2,779,721	8		
400,000 - 499,999	419,141	1			1,306,661	3		
500,000 - 599,999					2,673,245	5		
600,000 - 699,999					1,252,697	2		
700,000 - 799,999					2,198,493	3		
800,000 and Over			65,286,357	11	8,095,254	4		
TOTAL	$2,503,433	12	$67,315,517	39	$24,891,220	117	$475,793	7

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. The specialty distribution of medical practitioners is based on their specialty as at the end of the fiscal year.

C. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

D. Payments include only fee-for-service payments to practitioners in Alberta.

DISTRIBUTION OF GROSS AVERAGE PAYMENTS TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ACCORDING TO GROUP OF SPECIALTIES BY DOLLAR RANGE AND ALBERTA PRACTICE YEAR

TABLE 14

For the year ended March 31, 1984

GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	30	$ 4,923	62	$ 2,929	15	$ 2,577	12	$ 3,282	39	$ 2,935	158	$ 3,303
10,000 - 19,999	33	15,335	25	15,395	6	13,425	12	14,664	14	15,573	90	15,172
20,000 - 39,999	26	30,581	54	28,553	12	28,427	12	31,524	12	31,942	116	29,653
40,000 - 59,999	25	47,538	34	49,221	16	50,317	14	48,782	24	49,872	113	49,088
60,000 - 79,999	11	68,651	41	70,944	18	71,877	18	69,342	32	70,495	120	70,514
80,000 - 99,999	11	87,271	48	90,687	32	91,866	38	91,901	32	90,330	161	90,903
100,000 - 119,999	4	113,801	71	111,177	45	110,422	47	110,463	34	111,812	201	111,001
120,000 - 139,999	1	139,077	68	129,128	37	128,359	40	130,056	39	130,173	185	129,449
140,000 - 159,999			58	149,132	41	148,573	53	149,824	28	150,104	180	149,360
160,000 - 179,999			47	169,725	36	167,700	50	168,556	24	168,789	157	168,745
180,000 - 199,999			33	189,680	37	191,080	46	190,252	10	192,934	126	190,558
200,000 - 299,999	1	259,545	40	234,585	62	236,119	68	236,936	26	236,284	197	236,230
300,000 - 399,999			2	339,961	9	336,316	12	344,434	2	338,470	25	340,676
400,000 - 499,999			1	401,377	2	426,429					3	418,079
500,000 - 599,999									1	546,795	1	546,795
600,000 - 699,999							1	652,930			1	652,930
700,000 - 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	142	$ 36,664	584	$104,570	368	$143,845	423	$147,586	317	$105,640	1,834	$117,299

MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

TABLE 14 Continued

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	17	$ 4,452	20	$ 2,675	5	$ 5,041	13	$ 3,044	9	$ 4,158	64	$ 3,615
10,000 - 19,999	9	15,015	13	14,970	5	14,662	5	13,099	3	11,440	35	14,368
20,000 - 39,999	7	34,430	25	30,319	11	31,660	10	30,526	8	27,126	61	30,648
40,000 - 59,999	7	49,883	25	51,902	10	49,274	10	51,589	10	50,327	62	50,946
60,000 - 79,999	4	67,700	18	70,591	13	68,787	9	69,903	11	68,451	55	69,414
80,000 - 99,999			16	91,242	5	89,708	18	89,804	21	89,039	60	89,912
100,000 - 119,999			16	110,337	12	111,884	17	109,986	18	109,786	63	110,379
120,000 - 139,999	2	130,953	18	128,711	14	129,450	24	126,806	26	129,864	84	128,700
140,000 - 159,999			11	149,254	16	150,287	17	147,535	8	147,310	52	148,711
160,000 - 179,999			11	170,807	5	169,472	18	169,904	6	168,543	40	169,894
180,000 - 199,999	1	180,119	10	189,688	7	189,433	10	189,739	8	188,247	36	189,066
200,000 - 299,999			19	240,763	14	242,902	20	237,928	26	241,114	79	240,540
300,000 - 399,999			2	343,328	5	329,594	10	343,438	1	308,820	18	337,657
400,000 - 499,999					2	447,526					2	447,526
500,000 - 599,999												
600,000 - 699,999							1	662,001			1	662,001
700,000 - 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	47	$ 32,209	204	$ 97,035	124	$128,700	182	$134,086	155	$122,844	712	$113,360

SURGICAL SPECIALISTS

TABLE 14 Continued

Years in Alberta / $ Range	Less Than 1		1 - 5		6 - 10		11 - 20		21 and Over		Total	
	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments	Number of Physicians	Average Payments
Less than 10,000	2	$ 2,097	3	$ 4,535	3	$ 3,532	4	$ 3,046	12	$ 3,187	24	$ 3,284
10,000 - 19,999	1	19,426	5	13,841	3	14,500			3	15,307	12	14,838
20,000 - 39,999	4	26,894	6	28,892	2	32,242	3	31,557	7	33,494	22	30,661
40,000 - 59,999	1	53,148	6	50,360	1	49,651	2	56,851	6	49,537	16	50,993
60,000 - 79,999			3	68,930	2	75,281	7	71,241	13	69,574	25	70,420
80,000 - 99,999			4	88,224	3	86,640	8	86,080	11	88,398	26	87,455
100,000 - 119,999	1	101,737	3	110,989	2	105,975	10	112,115	13	109,592	29	110,086
120,000 - 139,999			7	131,016	4	132,975	12	130,873	22	132,764	45	132,006
140,000 - 159,999			3	148,127	6	149,917	20	151,952	21	147,971	50	149,807
160,000 - 179,999			4	171,003	15	168,342	23	173,182	18	168,532	60	170,431
180,000 - 199,999			6	191,758	10	191,185	22	189,308	12	189,191	50	189,949
200,000 - 299,999			20	236,658	21	245,299	55	242,816	31	236,155	127	240,631
300,000 - 399,999			2	342,408	1	310,252	17	331,324	8	346,398	28	335,670
400,000 - 499,999							7	458,721	2	416,063	9	449,242
500,000 - 599,999												
600,000 - 699,999												
700,000 - 799,999												
800,000 and Over												
TOTAL	9	$ 31,787	72	$139,792	73	$166,035	191	$ 201,705	179	$146,221	524	$ 166,356
							1	1,040,697			1	1,040,697

NOTE: The number of years in Alberta is obtained from the "List of Members of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta". The date of registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons is used as the beginning date of practice in Alberta.

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL PAYMENTS BY TYPE OF SERVICE AND SPECIALTY

For the year ended March 31, 1984

TABLE 15

	Consul-tations	Visits			Major Surgery	Minor Surgery	Surgical Assists	Obstetrical Services	Anaes-thesia	Radiology Services	Pathology Services	Other Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services	Total
		Office	Hospital	House									
All Practitioners	7.97%	40.73%	7.26%	1.11%	8.52%	1.81%	0.54%	3.31%	4.25%	4.34%	14.77%	5.39%	100.00%
General Practitioners	0.31	32.00	5.30	1.01	0.73	1.23	0.45	1.73	0.91	0.38	0.38	0.86	45.29
Anaesthetists	0.01	0.01							3.29			0.01	3.32
Dermatologists	0.40	0.48				0.12			0.03		0.03	0.18	1.24
General Surgeons	0.60	0.95	0.27	0.04	2.50	0.16	0.04	0.02		0.03	0.01	0.28	4.90
Urologists	0.25	0.07	0.04		0.52	0.02	0.01				0.01	0.27	1.19
Internists	2.79	1.36	0.92	0.03	0.11	0.02			0.02	0.04	0.13	1.41	6.83
Neurologists	0.42	0.03	0.05		0.02						0.01	0.02	0.55
Neurological Surgeons	0.06	0.01	0.03		0.32								0.42
Obstetricians-Gynaecologists	0.48	0.89	0.08	0.01	0.73	0.05	0.01	1.56			0.07	0.35	4.23
Ophthalmologists	0.40	1.18	0.01		0.79	0.03						0.15	2.56
Rhino-Otolaryngologists	0.37	0.20			0.41	0.10						0.18	1.27
Orthopaedic Surgeons	0.51	0.26	0.04	0.01	1.28	0.02	0.01			0.01		0.07	2.23
Paediatricians	0.89	1.16	0.43	0.01		0.01				0.03		0.12	2.66
Psychiatrists	0.28	1.98	0.02							0.02	0.02	0.01	2.29
Plastic Surgeons	0.13	0.08	0.01		0.66	0.04						0.06	0.98
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	0.04	0.03	0.04										0.11
Thoracic Surgeons	0.03		0.01		0.45	0.01	0.02					0.01	0.53
Laboratory		0.04	0.01							3.83	14.11	1.41	19.40

NOTE: Only fee-for-service payments made to practitioners in Alberta are included.

MEDICAL SERVICES AND PAYMENTS PER 1,000 INSURED PERSONS ACCORDING TO TYPE OF SERVICE BY AGE AND SEX

TABLE 16

For the year ended March 31, 1984

Type of Service \ Age Group		Under 1		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 24		25 - 44		45 - 64		65 and Older		All Age Groups	
		Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid	Services	Amounts Paid
Consultations	M	618	$ 42,498	219	$ 12,473	155	$ 8,612	147	$ 7,565	189	$ 10,248	366	$ 21,278	647	$ 38,820	245	$ 13,908
	F	528	36,196	176	9,947	148	7,837	282	14,268	349	17,877	416	23,188	553	32,707	325	17,550
Office Visits	M	8,464	175,158	4,414	92,900	2,578	55,683	2,367	49,902	2,527	54,637	3,511	72,237	5,114	103,299	3,077	64,901
	F	7,867	162,753	4,069	85,785	2,668	56,683	4,784	103,274	4,777	104,211	4,905	104,219	5,334	107,975	4,533	96,934
Hospital Visits	M	3,789	73,694	644	15,480	252	6,870	271	7,229	303	6,504	995	15,789	4,468	62,791	766	13,822
	F	3,214	63,699	526	12,927	227	6,120	416	9,980	414	8,769	923	14,690	4,149	57,180	843	14,942
House Visits	M	86	2,762	55	1,715	36	1,085	34	952	28	864	61	1,663	552	12,049	74	1,886
	F	67	2,190	47	1,491	34	982	32	892	34	1,052	65	1,877	764	16,428	102	2,502
Major Surgery	M	48	15,962	39	7,337	40	6,669	56	10,459	63	11,639	94	26,768	164	56,725	68	15,835
	F	27	9,596	25	4,173	34	5,398	55	11,237	95	19,607	112	27,255	135	43,617	78	17,857
Minor Surgery	M	362	14,322	126	5,677	118	4,507	161	5,307	105	3,604	99	3,419	97	3,742	122	4,390
	F	17	1,831	76	3,402	85	3,160	125	3,281	123	3,217	115	3,163	89	3,093	108	3,189
Surgical Assists	M	18	618	9	346	8	383	12	554	14	581	50	1,506	87	2,663	23	815
	F	13	352	4	147	6	274	23	1,180	45	1,999	54	1,735	60	1,897	34	1,373
Obstetrical Services	M																
	F							108	27,655	85	24,106	--	34			49	13,184
Anaesthesia	M	175	7,647	106	5,606	73	3,889	115	5,478	111	5,110	218	10,484	382	19,501	142	6,885
	F	128	4,923	72	3,775	66	3,517	188	10,527	241	12,848	238	11,121	269	13,566	193	10,008
Radiology Services	M	133	3,160	104	2,228	170	3,734	237	6,046	279	7,992	429	12,893	441	13,248	274	7,595
	F	145	3,654	86	1,845	149	3,370	234	6,955	313	10,143	544	17,345	514	15,615	308	9,417
Pathology Services	M	1,578	17,532	1,159	12,952	984	10,436	1,107	11,576	1,516	16,414	2,616	26,857	3,974	37,538	1,671	17,421
	F	1,471	15,975	1,337	14,081	1,262	13,178	4,972	47,735	4,928	50,465	4,441	46,785	5,018	49,192	4,001	40,466
Other Diagnostic & Therapeutic Services	M	173	4,831	418	2,316	796	3,269	563	3,752	536	6,040	849	17,999	1,145	26,639	657	8,167
	F	142	4,268	297	2,072	638	2,967	891	13,299	966	16,430	1,084	17,881	1,015	19,425	864	13,063
TOTAL	M	15,444	$358,184	7,293	$159,030	5,210	$105,137	5,070	$108,820	5,671	$123,633	9,288	$210,893	17,071	$377,015	7,119	$155,625
	F	13,619	305,437	6,715	139,645	5,317	103,486	12,110	250,283	12,370	270,724	12,897	269,293	17,900	360,695	11,438	240,485

--: Non-zero value.

NOTE: Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETE MEDICAL PATIENTS BY AGE GROUP AND SEX — TABLE 17

For the year ended March 31, 1984

AGE GROUP	NUMBER OF PATIENTS		
	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Under 1	18,428	17,280	35,708
1 - 4	83,228	77,834	161,062
5 - 14	153,401	145,400	298,801
15 - 24	174,326	225,052	399,378
25 - 44	312,231	370,831	683,062
45 - 64	151,173	165,842	317,015
65 & Older	76,417	93,651	170,068
TOTAL	969,204	1,095,890	2,065,094

NOTE: "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service on a date-of-payment basis.

DISTRIBUTION OF DISCRETE PATIENTS BY PAYMENT RANGE FOR MEDICAL SERVICES — TABLE 18

For the year ended March 31, 1984

Payment Range	Number of Discrete Patients	% Distribution of Discrete Patients	% Distribution of Payments	% Distribution of Services
$ 0.01 - 10.00	9,935	0.48%	0.01%	0.05%
10.01 - 25.00	179,208	8.68%	0.73%	0.84%
25.01 - 50.00	263,861	12.78%	2.04%	2.21%
50.01 - 100.00	412,618	19.98%	6.27%	7.14%
100.01 - 200.00	482,173	23.35%	14.39%	16.92%
200.01 - 400.00	386,060	18.69%	22.53%	25.71%
400.01 - 600.00	154,800	7.50%	15.62%	15.62%
600.01 - 800.00	75,202	3.64%	10.74%	9.81%
800.01 - 1,000.00	39,396	1.91%	7.26%	6.19%
1,000.01 - 1,200.00	21,827	1.06%	4.93%	4.09%
1,200.01 - 1,400.00	12,667	0.61%	3.39%	2.76%
1,400.01 & Over	27,347	1.32%	12.09%	8.66%
TOTAL	2,065,094	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

NOTE: "Number of Discrete Patients" contains the actual count of patients receiving at least one medical service on a date-of-payment basis.

DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND AVERAGE PAYMENTS BY REGION

TABLE 19

For the year ended March 31, 1984

Region	Grand Total		General Practitioners		Specialists	
	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments	Number of Practitioners	Average Payments
I. Calgary	1,085	$147,925	540	$113,353	545	$182,180
II. Edmonton	1,402	151,665	738	106,294	664	202,092
III. Lethbridge	218	134,422	142	134,781	76	133,751
IV. Medicine Hat	68	169,621	41	141,679	27	212,051
V. Peace River	245	136,417	207	141,686	38	107,715
VI. Red Deer	215	131,623	166	127,677	49	144,993
TOTAL	3,233	$147,136	1,834	$117,299	1,399	$186,251

NOTES: A. The data relating to expenditures for health services are tabulated and reported on a date-of-payment basis.

B. Payments to practitioners represent gross payments made by the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan and represent neither the total income nor the net income of a practitioner.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 20

Fee-For-Service Payments and Number of Services

For the years ended March 31

	Number of Services			Total Payments		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
Medical	214,111	227,773	[illegible]	$4,686,282	$5,789,196	[illegible]
Oral Surgery	37	66	[illegible]	5,632	10,716	[illegible]
Chiropractic	7,895	8,610	[illegible]	75,523	91,080	[illegible]
Optometry	1,164	1,203	[illegible]	22,792	26,040	[illegible]
Podiatry	358	310	[illegible]	6,550	5,762	[illegible]
Physiotherapy*	412	1,622	[illegible]	5,067	21,752	[illegible]
TOTAL	223,977	239,584	[illegible]	$4,801,846	$5,944,546	[illegible]

* Payments to physiotherapists for the fiscal year 1981-82 include only fee-for-service payments made during the nine-month period from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1982.

OUT-OF-PROVINCE BASIC HEALTH SERVICES
Distribution of Fee-For-Service Payments
And Number of Services by Province
For the year ended March 31, 1984

TABLE 21

	Medical		Oral Surgery		Chiropractic		Optometry		Podiatry		Physiotherapy		Total	
	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments	Number of Services	Payments
British Columbia	91,878	$2,422,391	93	$15,178	3,882	$ 43,803	580	$13,635	92	$1,935	1,637	$23,798	98,162	$2,520,740
Saskatchewan	41,713	959,347	4	802	790	8,805	277	6,521			49	664	42,833	976,139
Manitoba	11,577	253,314			376	4,162	61	1,381	2	31	48	776	12,064	259,664
Ontario	36,911	1,037,254	6	849	1,299	13,944	295	6,858	25	403	150	1,501	38,686	1,060,809
Quebec	2,996	92,512			150	1,678	29	557	2	31	7	129	3,184	94,907
New Brunswick	1,221	29,606			3	34	6	140	1	16			1,231	29,796
Nova Scotia	3,271	78,065			29	328	11	244	1	15			3,312	78,652
Prince Edward Island	640	10,132			5	65			1	24			646	10,221
Newfoundland	904	19,705			10	110	5	111			19	183	938	20,109
Northwest Territories and Yukon	2,041	54,695			44	493					2	36	2,087	55,224
United States	40,628	1,760,644	20	2,455	2,902	33,005	72	1,621	229	5,221	298	5,088	44,149	1,808,034
Rest of the World	7,623	171,769	1	46	147	1,616	11	238	4	56	127	1,572	7,913	175,297
TOTAL	241,403	$6,889,434	124	$19,330	9,637	$108,043	1,347	$31,306	357	$7,732	2,337	$33,747	255,205	$7,089,592

BASIC HEALTH SERVICES

TABLE 22

Fee-For-Service Payments and Services Per Registration and Patient
For the year ended March 31, 1984

	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient
Medical	$482,581,482	22,602,206	$ 21.35	1,013,924	$475.95	22	2,065,094	$233.68	11
Oral Surgery	8,772,719	37,399	234.57	22,712	386.26	2	23,362	375.51	2
Chiropractic	20,083,336	1,716,879	11.70	171,142	117.35	10	232,686	86.31	7
Optometry	8,121,928	342,105	23.74	256,184	31.70	1	332,593	24.42	1
Podiatry	2,674,850	115,619	23.14	34,378	77.81	3	36,757	72.77	3
Physiotherapy	9,072,430	1,640,788	5.53	63,149	143.67	26	66,997	135.42	24
All Benefits	$531,306,745	26,454,996	$ 20.08	1,034,422	$513.63	26	2,145,275	$247.66	12

NOTES: A. Included are Basic Health Services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

FEE-FOR-SERVICE MEDICAL PAYMENTS AND SERVICES PER REGISTRATION AND PATIENT

TABLE 23

For the years ended June 30, 1974 to 1977 and March 31, 1978 to 1984

Year	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration†	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient†	Number of Registered Persons
1974*	$107,530,449	12,239,964	$ 8.79	622,947	$172.62	20	1,398,609	$ 76.88	9	1,798,020
1975*	122,906,609	13,212,872	9.30	663,633	185.20	20	1,469,436	83.64	9	1,867,162
1976*	141,416,209	13,741,946	10.29	702,742	201.23	20	1,534,948	92.13	9	1,920,360
1977*	165,036,450	14,623,689	11.29	749,692	220.14	20	1,612,614	102.34	9	1,996,128
1978**	173,996,750	14,597,722	11.92	778,028	223.64	19	1,647,493	105.61	9	2,034,392
1979**	197,169,182	15,616,628	12.63	818,295	240.95	19	1,708,975	115.37	9	2,100,646
1980**	224,610,032	16,769,735	13.39	866,299	259.28	19	1,784,045	125.90	9	2,186,456
1981**	271,030,697	18,079,618	14.99	928,883	291.78	19	1,879,463	144.21	10	2,306,428
1982**	334,760,085	19,037,222	17.58	977,637	342.42	19	1,943,145	172.28	10	2,423,043
1983**	430,989,454	21,270,872	20.26	1,017,777	423.46	21	2,041,349	211.13	10	2,464,253
1984**	482,581,482	22,602,206	21.35	1,013,924	475.95	22	2,065,094	233.68	11	2,443,943
Percentage Change 1984/1983 (%)	11.97	6.26	5.38	-0.38	12.40	4.76	1.16	10.68	10.00	-0.82
Annual Average Percentage Change 1974-1984 (%)	16.65	6.49	9.53	5.12	10.96	0.98	4.08	12.08	2.08	3.20

* Year ended June 30.

** Year ended March 31.

† Rounded to the nearest whole number.

NOTES: A. Included are medical services provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

B. Osteopathic services were classified as medical services effective October 10, 1973. They were included in medical services for the entire year ended June 30, 1974 and for all subsequent years.

C. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS

TABLE 24

Fee-For-Service Payments and Services Per Registration and Patient
For the year ended March 31, 1984

	Total Payments	Number of Services	Cost Per Service	Number of Registrations	Cost Per Registration	Number of Services Per Registration	Number of Patients	Cost Per Patient	Number of Services Per Patient
Dentists	$14,488,425	342,042	$ 42.36	44,421	$326.16	8	54,078	$267.92	6
Denturists	5,317,076	40,206	132.25	14,503	366.62	3	15,815	336.20	3
Optometrists	2,005,639	77,426	25.90	18,672	107.41	4	20,674	97.01	4
Ophthalmic Dispensers	1,881,646	70,386	26.73	17,752	106.00	4	19,371	97.14	4
TOTAL	$23,692,786	530,060	$ 44.70	74,657	$317.36	7	93,109	$254.46	6

NOTES: A. Under the Extended Health Benefits Program, the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan paid a major portion of the cost of eyeglasses, dentures and dental care for registrants 65 years of age and older and their spouses and dependants; and for widows and widowers aged 55 and older but under age 65 and their dependants, who were eligible for benefits under the Alberta Widows' Pension Program which was introduced on May 1, 1983.

B. "Number of Registrations" and "Number of Patients" contain the actual count of discrete registrations and patients receiving services.

C. Included are Extended Health Benefits provided in and outside Alberta on a fee-for-service basis.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS
SELECTED INDICATORS
For the years ended March 31

TABLE 25

	1982	1983	1984	Percentage Change 1983/1982	Percentage Change 1984/1983
Number of Registered Persons*	203,059	209,629	**218,981**	3.24%	**4.46%**
Number of Practitioners	1,416	1,516	**1,557**	7.06%	**2.70%**
Dentists	949	1,020	**1,048**	7.48%	**2.75%**
Denturists	127	137	**135**	7.87%	**−1.46%**
Optometrists	177	177	**179**	—	**1.13%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	163	182	**195**	11.66%	**7.14%**
Total Payments**	$17,245,513	$21,672,528	**$23,561,159**	25.67%	**8.71%**
Dentists	10,330,045	13,334,872	**14,391,667**	29.09%	**7.93%**
Denturists	3,934,839	4,767,854	**5,297,663**	21.17%	**11.11%**
Optometrists	1,602,274	1,879,492	**1,999,587**	17.30%	**6.39%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	1,378,355	1,690,310	**1,872,242**	22.63%	**10.76%**
Total Payment Per 1,000 Persons	$ 84,929	$ 103,385	**$ 107,595**	21.73%	**4.07%**
Total Services**	453,440	511,749	**527,135**	12.86%	**3.01%**
Dentists	284,402	329,816	**339,830**	15.97%	**3.04%**
Denturists	33,147	37,468	**40,042**	13.04%	**6.87%**
Optometrists	74,551	77,339	**77,211**	3.74%	**−0.17%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	61,340	67,126	**70,052**	9.43%	**4.36%**
Total Number of Services Per 1,000 Persons	2,233	2,441	**2,407**	9.31%	**−1.39%**
Average Payments	$ 12,179	$ 14,296	**$ 15,132**	17.38%	**5.85%**
Dentists	10,885	13,073	**13,733**	20.10%	**5.05%**
Denturists	30,983	34,802	**39,242**	12.33%	**12.76%**
Optometrists	9,052	10,619	**11,171**	17.31%	**5.20%**
Ophthalmic Dispensers	8,456	9,287	**9,601**	9.83%	**3.38%**
Discrete Patients***	82,087	89,189	**93,109**	8.65%	**4.40%**
Discrete Patients Per Practitioner	58	59	**60**	1.72%	**1.69%**

* The number of registered persons as at March 31, 1984 includes registrants 65 years of age and older and their spouses and dependants; and widows and widowers aged 55 and older but under age 65, and their dependants, who were eligible for benefits under the Alberta Widows' Pension Program which was introduced on May 1, 1983.

** Only fee-for-service items paid to practitioners in Alberta are included.

*** Discrete Patients means the number of persons who have received at least one service during the period.

EXTENDED HEALTH BENEFITS — TABLE 26
PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Effective Date / Discipline	Dentists	Denturists	Optometrists	Ophthalmic Dispensers
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
July 1, 1974	5.56	5.88	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1976	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
January 1, 1977	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
January 1, 1978	6.47	6.47	6.47	6.47
January 1, 1979	7.00	36.00	7.00	7.00
July 1, 1979	Nil	8.00	Nil	Nil
January 1, 1980	10.50	7.00	8.50	8.50
January 1, 1981	11.60	11.00	38.30*	36.50*
January 1, 1982	18.70	12.00	13.00	13.00
January 1, 1983	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00

* Effective January 1, 1981, the rate payable to optometrists and ophthalmic dispensers for new frames was increased from $7.30 to $30.00, while the rates payable for all other optometric benefits were increased by 11.00%. The overall increases in the Benefit Schedules for optometrists and ophthalmic dispensers were not the same due to differences in the utilization patterns of the two disciplines.

NOTE: The Extended Health Benefits Program was introduced on January 1, 1974.

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM — TABLE 27
Applications Reviewed
For the years ended March 31

	Applications			Approved			Refused			Amount Paid					
										Medical Services			Hospital Services		
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
Required Services Not Available In Alberta	61	63	122	49	47	102	12	16	20	$127,566	$131,018	$278,530	$344,088	$433,025	$ 801,680
Emergency Services	16	19	16	15	13	15	1	6	1	13,130	27,453	45,859	46,866	147,198	244,896
TOTAL	77	82	138	64	60	117	13	22	21	$140,696	$158,471	$324,389	$390,954	$580,223	$1,046,576

10. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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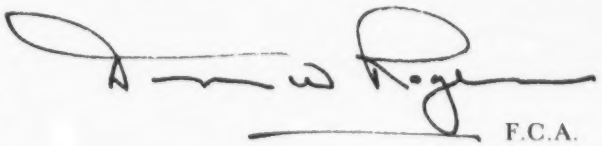
To the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care

I have examined the balance sheet of the Health Care Insurance Fund as at March 31, 1984 and the statement of revenue and expenditure and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly the financial position of the Fund as at March 31, 1984 and the results of its operations and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.



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Auditor General

Edmonton, Alberta
November 27, 1984

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT MARCH 31, 1984

ASSETS	1984	1983
Current:		
Cash	$ 81,588,723	$35,607,073
Accounts receivable (Note 5)	23,059,714	45,348,461
Contributions receivable from the Province of Alberta	—	7,888,531
	$104,648,437	$88,844,065
LIABILITIES		
Current:		
Bank indebtedness	$ 4,021,930	$ 4,278,216
Accounts payable	1,265,700	3,790,834
Unexpended funds due to the Province of Alberta	18,325,780	—
Premiums received in advance	2,440,486	2,086,655
Estimated liability for unprocessed and unpresented claims	69,746,609	69,674,393
Estimated liability to the Alberta Blue Cross Plan	8,847,932	9,013,967
	$104,648,437	$88,844,065

The accompanying notes are part of these financial statements.

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1984

	1984	1983
Revenue:		
Premiums earned, net	$201,448,941	$147,745,032
Government of Canada contributions (Note 2)	87,701,000	77,372,000
Interest	2,739,370	7,011,984
	291,889,311	232,129,016
Expenditure:		
Basic health services:		
Medical	483,111,057	441,336,493
Chiropractic	20,306,195	18,722,839
Optometric	8,283,071	7,640,182
Podiatric	2,778,850	2,349,337
Oral surgery	9,000,207	6,635,271
Physiotherapy	9,643,205	6,707,954
	533,122,585	483,392,076
Optional health services - Alberta Blue Cross Plan	64,058,926	52,728,338
Extended health benefits	24,270,780	22,020,485
Out of province hospital costs	16,314,240	15,648,972
	637,766,531	573,789,871
Excess of expenditure over revenue for the year	345,877,220	341,660,855
Recovery from the Workers' Compensation Board applicable to previous year	—	2,304,324
	345,877,220	339,356,531
Deduct:		
Contributions by the Province of Alberta	345,877,220	339,356,531
	$ —	$ —

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 1984

	1984	1983
Funds were provided from:		
Contributions by the Province of Alberta	$372,091,531	$331,468,000
Recoverable payments:		
Reimbursements from Workers' Compensation Board	52,255,529	—
Hospital costs, reciprocal agreements	25,306,579	21,945,970
Social Services and Community Health sessional payments	4,532,197	4,304,622
Decrease in premiums receivable and other accounts receivable	58,168	54,068
(Decrease) in accounts payable	(2,525,134)	(2,499,261)
Increase (decrease) in premiums received in advance	353,831	(30,366)
Increase in estimated liability for unprocessed and unpresented claims	72,216	8,210,614
Increase (decrease) in estimated liability to the Alberta Blue Cross Plan	(166,035)	3,392,490
	451,978,882	366,846,137
Funds were applied to:		
Net expenditure of the Fund	345,877,220	341,660,855
Payments made on behalf of:		
Workers' Compensation Board	28,117,682	24,295,409
Reciprocal agreements	27,004,871	20,560,861
Social Services & Community Health	4,741,173	4,068,158
Reimbursement of unexpended funds to the Province of Alberta	—	25,084,316
	405,740,946	415,669,599
Increase (decrease) in funds	46,237,936	(48,823,462)
Funds at beginning of year	31,328,857	80,152,319
Funds at end of year	$ 77,566,793	$ 31,328,857
Represented by:		
Cash	$ 81,588,723	$ 35,607,073
Bank indebtedness	(4,021,930)	(4,278,216)
	$ 77,566,793	$ 31,328,857

HEALTH CARE INSURANCE FUND

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MARCH 31, 1984

Note 1 Authority

The Health Care Insurance Fund operates under the authority of the Alberta Health Care Insurance Act, Chapter A-24, Revised Statutes of Alberta 1980.

Note 2 Significant Accounting Policies and Reporting Practices

Government of Canada Contributions

Government of Canada contributions are received pursuant to provisions of the Federal-Provincial Fiscal Arrangements and Established Programs Financing Act, 1977 (Canada) and are subject to adjustment. Due to the unavailability of information regarding adjustments to previous years' contributions, or to the current year's contributions, this source of revenue is reported on the basis of information received from the Government of Canada in the year. Adjustments will be reported in the year notification thereof is received.

Note 3 Workers' Compensation Board Payments

A formal arrangement between the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care and the Workers' Compensation Board has been finalized to provide for the payment, from the Health Care Insurance Fund, of claims for medical aid provided to injured workers coming under the Workers' Compensation Act. The arrangement also provides for the Board to reimburse the Fund for all such payments made from January 1, 1982 onwards. Payments made by the Fund during the year ended March 31, 1984 on behalf of such injured workers amounted to $28,117,682 (1983 $24,295,409). These payments and reimbursements are not included in the statement of revenue and expenditure.

Amounts not recovered as at March 31, 1984 have been included in accounts receivable. (See Note 5)

Note 4 Recoverable Payments Pursuant to Alberta Regulation 216/81

Alberta Regulation 216/81 contains provisions for the following types of recoverable payments to be made from the Health Care Insurance Fund:

a) payments to a hospital in Alberta in respect of insured services provided by the hospital to residents of another province, where the making of such payments is the subject of an agreement between the provinces, and the agreement provides that those payments are recoverable;

b) payments to psychiatrists employed at a mental health facility for services they provide, where the payments are the subject of an arrangement between the Minister of Hospitals and Medical Care and the Minister of Social Services and Community Health, and the arrangement provides that those payments are recoverable from the Department of Social Services and Community Health.

The following recoverable payments have been made which are not included in the statement of revenue and expenditure:

	1984	1983
Hospital costs, reciprocal agreements	$27,004,871	$20,560,861
Social Services and Community Health sessional payments	4,741,173	4,068,158
	$31,746,044	$24,629,019

Amounts not recovered as at March 31, 1984 have been included in accounts receivable. (See Note 5)

Note 5 Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

	1984	1983
Workers' Compensation Board payments	$ 2,461,886	$26,599,733
Premiums, less allowance for uncollectible accounts and adjustments	15,343,442	12,232,148
Hospital costs, reciprocal agreements	3,768,724	2,070,432
Social Services and Community Health sessional payments	1,424,574	1,215,598
Other	61,088	3,230,550
	$23,059,714	$45,348,461

Note 6 Approval of Financial Statements

These financial statements were approved by management on November 27, 1984.